

In your name, we welcome Fr Lim, as Parochial Administrator, and we pray his short time here will be blessed, and that all people will respect his role as the leader, under Christ, and as a co-worker of The Bishop, and work with him and not against him.

**PALM SUNDAY:** The blessing of, and procession with Palms, will begin in the Church grounds at 9.00 am (Barton) and 11.00 a.m. Brigg on Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

**THE MAIN SERVICES FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM WILL ALL TAKE PLACE IN ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH BARTON:**

**Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m.** The Mass of The Lord's Supper  
With watching at The Altar of Repose until 10.00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 3.00 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 9.00 pm The Service of Light and Easter Vigil  
**BUT NOTE:**

**GOOD FRIDAY 7.00 p.m.** *Stations of the Cross*, St Mary's Brigg  
**EASTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS:** 9.00 am Barton, 11.00 am Brigg

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED AND THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: We ask you to pray for all who have recently died, especially Sid Lewis, and Stephen Stewart for any family who mourn. Please pray the dead will see God face to face, and those in grief will be consoled. (At the time of printing we do not have the funeral details for either Sid or Stephen. They may be in the online version later.)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Rules on Data Protection, and sensitivity to those who choose not to speak to others about such a personal matter, or who may themselves be not fully aware, of their condition, names cannot usually be mentioned here. But the duty of praying, and caring for the sick, is important. As noted previously illness can be challenging not only for the patient, but for their nearest and dearest, and it may be cause much strain and stress and heartache. Please pray for the families of the sick, and all in Health and Social Care serving our sick, elderly, and infirm.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS:** both Churches would benefit from having more folk on the Flower Arranging Rota. It is a much valued contribution to the life and worship of The Church. If you wish to sign up as a volunteer Please email the PARISH, and give your contact details, and specify which Church you normally attend. **IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, AND GREATLY BENEFICIAL, TO HAVE MORE VOLUNTEERS IN TIME FOR EASTER!!!**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023:** The candidates are advised of a special day for them on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – more details to follow.

**Cycle of Prayer during Lent, we pray for these intentions:** Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

**The Good Friday Walk of Witness in Brigg:** Walk of Witness on Good Friday. We meet in Chapel Court at about 11.45. All welcome. (The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, in our Parish, is at 3.00 p.m. in Barton.)

The Parish of St Mary and St Augustine Webster, North Lincolnshire.

Psalter Week 2

One Community with two Churches.

We are proud members of The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham, and The Universal Church.

**THIS BULLETIN IS BEING PUBLISHED BY THE CURRENT PARISH PRIEST (Fr Michael) AS FR LIM BEGINS HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY WITH THE MASSES FOR PALM SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> April 2023, AND THE BULLETIN IS PREPARED, AND PUBLISHED IN ADVANCE OF THAT.**



DAY	DATE		TIME	ORDO	INTENTION
Sunday 2 <sup>ND</sup> April	First of Sunday	<b>BRIGG BARTON BRIGG</b>	6.00 pm. 9.00 am 11.00am	The Sixth Week of Lent <b>HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY</b>	Simon Clarke R.I.P. People of The Parish Kay McCourt R.I.P.
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>BRIGG</b>	9.30 am		
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> April				

**WEDESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> Mass of Chrism:** 11.300 a.m. St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>BARTON</b>	7.30 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Mass of The Lord's Supper	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>BARTON BRIGG</b>	3.00 pm 7.30 pm	Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday Stations of The Cross	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> April	BARTON	9.00 pm	<b>Service of Light and Easter Vigil – Easter Begins</b>	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>BARTON BRIGG</b>	9.00 am 11.00am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	People of The Parish Simon Clarke R.I.P.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday 9.00 - 9.25am (Brigg)

Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation) Saturday 5.15 -5.45pm BRIGG

Sunday 8.30 -8.50 am in Barton.

*It remains, and has always been possible, to celebrate the Sacrament, at other times.*

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Parish Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandstaugustine> Bank Details:

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[www.http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/](http://www.http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/)

Where a one off donation or standing order can be set up.

Firstly a thought for the day, as a Christian should you ask a person, who hadn't seen or heard the alleged incident, to corroborate your story as you want to submit "an official complaint"? (**This is not a parable!**) What do YOU think Jesus would say to that "friend" of his, and the parish? Most people would say with "friends" like this who needs enemies!!! However, God has said stuff about lies, calumny, integrity and such like: "Let your yes mean yes, and your no mean no. Anything more than this comes from the evil one." Matthew 5:37 Quite simply, God advocates that we be straightforward and do what we say, and not lie to ourselves or others. We shouldn't say we'll do something to look good or imply following the law, only to take advantage of a loophole and not actually do it in full, or accuse others falsely and seek to involve others in a lie to bring someone down. The verse comes from a broader statement Jesus makes in His sermon about oath-keeping and vows in general. Jesus's full statement on this is, "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one" (Matthew 5:33-37).

But essentially Jesus asks that in all things we act with integrity, and with a pure heart mind, and, as St James tell us, the tongue is the most dangerous weapon we must keep under control, and we should use it for prayer praise God, and give good counsel to and help and affirm others. That is build up and knock down. Nor must we seek to dominate a Community and seek to elevate our role above others, and seek to exclude those who rightly are meant to exercise leadership in the community by virtue of the personal vocation. For example, a priest!

The complaint to Licensing, and other things, like false witness, are the opposite of what Jesus teaches. The Council dismissed "the complaint," as it was wholly untrue and submitted maliciously. We quote: "Good afternoon I can confirm there is a valid Lottery Registration for (your) Catholic Parish. I therefore apologise for my previous letter and any distress caused. Our system has unfortunately not linked the St Augustine registration with the new one. I can confirm that cloakroom tickets can be used if only sold to a 'closed group'. Kind regards Licensing Officer Operations Public Protection, Economy & Environment North Lincolnshire Council" 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

By virtue of acting "in persona Christi", the priest, as a co-worker of The Bishop, is called to lead the Parish, and only he can act in the person of The Parish. In terms of the role of the laity Pope Francis prefers the term "co-responsibility", and they as members of established Parish Committees **can only offer advice** to The Priest, but these, and such bodies, and its officials or other individuals, do not have, and cannot assume, executive powers To quote from the website Aleteia: "Clericalism is a disordered attitude toward clergy, an excessive deference and an assumption of their moral superiority. In the pithy description of Pope Francis, it's when "Clerics feel they are superior, [and when] they are far from the people." Yet, as Pope Francis wrote, clericalism can be "fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons"—laypeople can fall into clericalism, too! Lay people can fall into thinking that their contributions to the life of the Church are only second-rate, or that in all things, surely "Father knows best," or that priestly virtue exhausts Christian virtue. Now, on the one hand, we ought to esteem our clergy. They are called by God to be our leaders, teachers, and sanctifiers in the Christian life, and we owe them respect for that. After all, St. Ignatius of Antioch says that the priest is like Jesus Christ to us, and the bishop, like God the Father. He also says that, "where the bishop is, there is the Catholic Church."

Many Parishioners have apologized to Fr Michael for the seeming selfish, arrogant, misguided actions, of the few, **but not all of those who have temporarily left the Parish in recent times**, – who felt "put out", and "put upon" *and who by withdrawing their contribution to spiritual and active life of the Parish, and the essential financial support – threaten the entire future of The Parish, and not just its Church buildings.* Are these the actions of a friend of any organisation, especially The One, Holy, and Apostolic Church?

On his last Sunday, in Barton, Fr M asked the spouse of one person, who had not been to Holy Mass for quite some weeks, how they were. He assumed she had gone "home" (abroad) perhaps to look after a sick or elderly relative. He was told they had listened to the "friends" of our Parish, and left. This is so, so sad, and a poor reflection on committed Catholics who have possibly lured others away from our Parish on, sometimes, false pretexts and unfounded allegations. The future existence of our Parish may well, and most probably will, depend on these "lost sheep" coming home to **the Parish in which they live.**

**Fr Michael writes:** "Any Parishioners, with integrity, will acknowledge the pain and anguish I have been forced to suffer, and, I believe truthfully, through no fault of my own. I have made mistakes

but none have been through lack of charity, but all have been based upon the desire to wrest back control from those who, wrongly, believed they "managed" the Parish, and that they "had had no active priest for years". I have repeatedly stated "I will base anything I ask of you of you solely on what the Church asks of all of us." Whether in terms of liturgy or governance, for example, that is all I have done. I apologise to any, and all, person/people who I may have hurt or offended, but not for those "crimes" some have falsely alleged me to have committed and who had an agenda which bore no resemblance to the vision of the Church on collaboration between the ordained and lay, or in line with even the vaguest notion of 'co-responsibility'.

At this late hour, I ask these people to come back home, but I also advise you, my **dear active fellow Parishioners**, not to allow them to assume their former roles, except on a rota for a particular activity, and try to see that they do not to seek to put themselves in a leadership role within the Parish, or try to join any future advisory Committee. They should both "let go" (of wrongly assumed roles and powers), and contribute to building up The Parish. **My voluntary, and yet very reluctant, departure, is partly to protect my own health (spiritual and physical) and sanity, but even more so to allow you to create a new future together, and it should make that at least a possibility for ALL of them who are upright & honest to return in love. If they act with sincerity and truth, out of love for our Parish, as true friends of the One Community, with two Churches. I hope my leaving, is seen an act of love and generosity and not of defeat of me.**

The future of the parish matters more than my welfare. There is much to love and admire in this parish. (Under the norms establishing The EMHC, which is a time limited ministry, and is NOT, unlike The Ministries of Lector and Acolyte is not lifelong and universally applicable. But is solely intended for a specific Parish or Chaplaincy. In leaving "they resigned". They cannot, and should not, act as an EMHC unless they are re-commissioned at a later date. Those who do Rotas or find "volunteers, at a given Mass should not add them to the EMHC Rota, or ask them to minister at particular Mass in the absence of one who formally continues holds that role within our Parish. The Eucharist is The Sacrament of Unity, and we should make amends before approaching ANY ALTAR ANYWHERE.) In my discussions with the Bishop on February 9<sup>th</sup>, I discussed my plan to invite those who left back on the basis of us sharing truths and facts. For example, one person who claims to have been "forced out by Fr Michael" had nearly six months to accept a specific role of their choosing, which needed to be filled by the beginning of March 2021, and didn't respond to invitations to do so once and they left again because the role had, of necessity, been filled. (The person said, in writing on the day they left the second time, they are better qualified than the one who agreed to take on the role, and demanded I take the job off them, but clearly they are not better qualified and I treat honest and fair people with mutual respect. You cannot withdraw such a post like that.) Who should accept responsibility for that outcome? Certainly not me. Likewise, some have left our Parish on the basis of loyalty to their friends, and who are also "friends" of our parish. But have they done so on the basis of harsh truths and facts? This parish won't survive without your support, and truth and love is a necessary foundation for success.

To all who withstood the course, and helped rebuild post covid, and welcomed me, and treated me with respect as a human being, with feelings, and a priest, and did not seek, for whatever reason, to misrepresent what had took place between us, or what was read or spoken on any occasion, for their own ends, Thank You. Thanks for the cards and gifts last Sunday too, and the buffet! Let us to commit to praying for one another. Fr M.

"The office of priests, since it is connected with the episcopal order, also, in its own degree, shares the authority by which Christ builds up, sanctifies and rules his Body. Wherefore the priesthood, while indeed it presupposes the sacraments of Christian initiation, is conferred by that special sacrament; through it priests, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are signed with a special character and are conformed to Christ the Priest in such a way that they can act in the person of Christ the Head." **PRESBYTERORUM ORDINIS PROMULGATED BY HIS HOLINESS, ST POPE PAUL VI**

"I have told you these things so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends..." John 15: 11-13