

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for the Year of the Word: “Lord Jesus Christ, I have come before you at this Mass, as at every Mass seeking your blessing and offering you my life. I am not able to receive you in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood but I have received the grace of being called into your presence. May my present hunger for the Eucharist, my longing to be reunited with you, Lord, and your holy people, lead me to a deeper appreciation of my faith and its place in my life. During these days, in particular, and during this year of the Word, may I draw strength and nourishment from the Scriptures especially the Gospels which speak directly of you, and those passages with which you opened the minds of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Amen.”

The **Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC)** COVID-19 crisis counselling support service has been set up to help people who are experiencing difficult feelings, thoughts and circumstances because: They work within a NHS setting (medical and ancillary staff) and are being impacted by caring for people who have COVID-19, or they have been bereaved at this time, whether due to COVID-19 or another reason. The service offers up to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis, either on-line or by telephone. To find out more please visit ACC’s website www.acc-uk.org or if you don’t have access to a computer, please ring 02476449694. Counsellors offering this service are all working in a voluntary capacity and according to professional standards and codes of ethics and practice. If you are a registered counsellor and would like to apply to volunteer for the service please contact us on office@acc-uk.org

The inner glass doors of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Barton are open for private prayer: Monday to Saturday 8am to 9pm and Sunday 2pm to 9pm. If you are passing Our Lady’s, Barton do know you are most welcome into Church during those times. Please observe social distancing; hand sanitisers are available. *The Church porch at Barton is a repository for food items that once donated shall be transferred to the YMCA food bank in Burton.* **Thanks in advance!**

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage Day Mass Sunday 21st June, 11am with Archbishop Longley at St Chad’s: www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/

Reverend Alex Taylor. Deacon Alex who joined us last weekend is settling into parish life here at Barton enjoying local walks and has already visited our parishes at SS Michael and James, Haunton and St Francis de Sales, Woodlane.

OFFERINGS

Many thanks for your ongoing financial support to the parishes especially in these difficult times. I am very grateful for all your church contributions, some giving is by direct debit and standing order (parishioners have done so for a number of years), thank you for your ongoing generosity. I realise too there are those who give when they attend and many use Gift Aid envelopes. I have your named Gift Aid boxes here for 2020/2021 (Barton and Woodlane), you can collect your boxes from BARTON CHURCH PORCH during the day or you can collect when life returns to a ‘new normal’. Thank you for your kindness to the parishes, to several charities and those near, dear and far in these summer days, Fr Eamonn.

THE PARISH OF BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Wales Lane, Barton, DE13 8JF
With the **Mother Church of St Francis de Sales, WOODLANE, DE13 8PH**

THE PARISH OF HAUNTON
St Michael and St James, Main Road, Haunton, B79 9HL

Permanent Deacon for Haunton: Rev. Tony Rigby

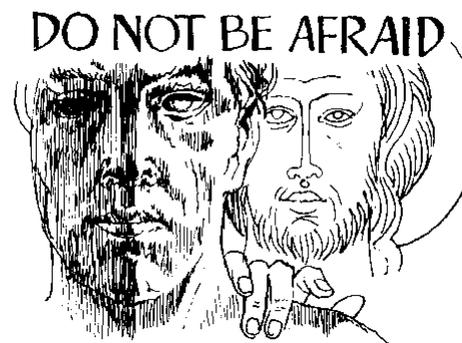
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21st JUNE 2020 – TWELFTH SUNDAY of the YEAR, cycle A

‘...the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero ...’ Jeremiah 20:14

Entrance Antiphon: God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.

Collect: Let us pray *that we may grow in the love of God.* Father, guide and protector of your people, grant us an unfailing respect for your name, and keep us always in your love.

Responsorial Psalm 68 Verse 14: In your great love, answer me, O God

Gospel Acclamation: ‘Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia’

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd; I give my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 68, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33



Twelfth Sunday	21st JUNE	All Masses 11.00am	without Barton	public congregation Holy Mass: People of the Parishes
Monday	22nd JUNE	10:00am	Woodlane	Mass: SS Fisher & More Pauline&Sean McDonnell
Tuesday	23rd	9:30am	Barton	Mass: Healy family.
Wednesday	24th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Solemnity, Birth of St John Bapt.</i> Parishes
Thursday	25th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Mass: Travelling Community
Friday	26th	11.00am	Haunton	Mass: In Perpetuity
Saturday	27th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Our Lady on Saturday A.</i> & Maria Litwin
Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul	28th JUNE	11:00am	Barton	Holy Mass: Antoni & Maria Bytman

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: – *where there is perfect sorrow for sins committed and a sincere intention of change with a firm commitment to seek, when possible sacramental confession (before a priest in person) forgiveness of sins, is given from the heart of God's love* (Catechism, no 1452).

Barton parish safeguarding officer: Marcella Henley

Haunton parish safeguarding officer: Jackie Butcher

Baptism: By appointment, we are looking forward to celebrating four baptisms in the summer postponed because of the virus. **Marriages:** By appointment, six months' notice.

Coffee Morning: postponed until further notice. **Confession:** See above.

PARISH SICK, HOUSEBOUND & DECEASED

Please pray for the **sick, housebound, those being shielded and those self-isolating** of the Parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially for Sean Stanley, Dennis Carter, Madeline Ware, Dominic Hespe, Shirley, Jared, Phyliss Gibbons, Emily Locking, Neal Carlin, Kate Hoyes, George Brandrick, Sean McDonnell, Paul Woodward, Philip Haslam and John Power.

Please pray for those from our parishes who have died recently: George Manners (Mrs Jane Manners is very grateful for your words of kindness and sympathy to her following the passing of her husband George), Elsie Crisp, Gillian Burke (Haunton), Rev Stewart Tyler, Cath Wright, Betty Harwood, Mary Adams, Steve Chawner, Amged El-Hawrani, Raymond Brough, Michael Rogan, Margaret Bailey, Mildred Power, Philip Crook, David Withey and Gladys Taft, Giles Heron, Joseph Kearns, Sheila Haslam, Russell Clarke, Joan Thorpe, Theresa Clucas, Graham Varney and Patricia Turner **and for those with anniversaries in June especially:** Roger Acraman, Arthur Brown, Norman Ettrich, Mary Ball, Silvia Stannard, David Kenton, Jack Lloyd, Norah Dudley, Deidre Maguire, Ellen Cockayne, Marion Orrell, John Poppo, Harold Hudson, Cyril Coleman, Mgr. Peter Stonier, John Page, John McCarthy, Val Sheeran, Jim Sutherland, Michael Sutherland and Brenda Thorpe and those who have died in our parishes, our country and throughout the world as a result of catching covid-19, *may they rest in peace* and may the Lord bring consolation to the bereaved.

'Be joyful always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in every circumstance.' | Thess 5:17

Dear Parishioners of Woodland, Barton and Haunton,
Greetings on this Twelfth Sunday of the Year! I hope you and your families are in good health and feeling well.

'...the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall.' **Romans 5:14**

The theme for our scriptures this weekend is 'the Lord at our side'. A reassuring word given the struggles many of us have faced these last three months and despite the uncertainties ahead, the Lord is indeed at our side, a mighty hero as the prophet Jeremiah declared. Whatever we are going through or effected by in the wider world, an abundant free gift has been given to us – life in Christ, a light in the darkness. We are encouraged to receive this wonderful promise to accept His gift of healing and forgiveness into our hearts. With the realisation of such a gift we are thus enabled to be fearless witnesses. The prophet Jeremiah was of a sensitive nature but his personal relationship with God enabled him to speak the truth even when faced with a hostile reception. Similarly, Edith Stein (later canonised as St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), a Jewess who became a Catholic and later a Discalced Carmelite greeted her Nazi interrogators with the words: 'Praised be Jesus Christ.' In captivity she said: 'Whatever happens I am prepared for it; our dear Child Jesus is with us.' On Wednesday we celebrate the Nativity of St John the Baptist, an occasion six months before Christmas. St John is another example of a fearless witness who was not afraid to speak the uncomfortable truth to Herod (Matthew 14:1-12).

A prayer for the aid of St John the Baptist

Saint John the Baptist, who did cry out to make the roads straight for the saviour, help me and those dear to me to straighten for Him the paths of our hearts. Teach us by our life to glorify Him, to confess Him, to love Him. Help my nation to understand His teaching, to proclaim it, and to live by it. Amen.

A Prayer for those who live alone

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side. In all my daily needs be thou my guide. Grant me good health, for that indeed, I pray, to carry on my work from day to day. Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed, let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbour's need, spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues, from thieves, from fear, and evil ones. If sickness or an accident befall, then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear thou my call, and when I'm feeling low, or in despair, lift up my heart and help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear, because I feel your presence ever near.

Mission Intentions: For families: to be places of prayer and love. Please pray for the safety and protection of our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb, those effected by the corona virus, the dying and incapacitated, travellers, migrants and the homeless. We pray for young people, the Holy Souls, vocations to the priesthood, religious life, matrimony and persecuted Christians. Pray too for a deeper love in Christ's Eucharistic presence in our Churches. **God Bless you all!**