

Our Lady of Perpetual help prayer: Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before you to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of His Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen.

Extract from message of Archbishops:

“As I have loved you”, said the Lord Jesus, “so you must love each other.” (John 13:34). The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, BARTON is open for private prayer: Monday 1pm to 9pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 8am to 9pm, Thursday 4pm to 9pm, Sunday 8am to 9pm. The Barton Church porch shall be open every day from 8am – 9am. If you are passing Our Lady's, Barton do know you are most welcome into Church during those times. All Masses as listed at Barton and Woodlane are with a public congregation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **WOODLANE** (all welcome) Monday, 6th July: 11am to 12noon and Thursday, 9th July: 7pm to 8pm. Please observe social distancing; alcohol-gel hand sanitisers are available. We are on track to open **HAUNTON** parish Church for next Sunday 12th July, 9am Mass, more details to follow. Guidance has been followed and a risk assessment completed. *The Church porch at Barton is collecting food items to be donated to the YMCA food bank in Burton. Thanks for items donated to date!*

Deacon Alex is enjoying parish life here at Barton. I am grateful for his homily last weekend on the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul and updating our Barton website!

OFFERINGS

Many thanks for your ongoing giving to the parishes during the lockdown which is now being eased. 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'. I greatly appreciate the handed in new tax year envelopes. Thank you for your kindness to the parishes, to several charities and those near, dear and far in these July Days, Fr Eamonn.

THE PARISH OF BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD

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THE PARISH OF HAUNTON

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5th JULY 2020 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY of Year A

‘Shoulder my yoke and learn from me.’ Matthew 11:29

Entrance Antiphon: ‘Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.’

Collect: Let us pray *for forgiveness through the grace of Jesus Christ* Father, through the obedience of Jesus, your servant and your Son, you raised a fallen world. Free us from sin and bring us the joy that lasts for ever.

Responsorial Ps.144 V 1: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia. (Mt 11:25)

Communion Antiphon: ‘Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God.’

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10, Psalm 144: 1-2.8-11.13-14., Romans 8:9.11-13, Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



Fourteenth Sunday of year	5th JULY	9:00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Mass without public congregation: <i>In reparation</i> Holy Mass: people of the parishes
Monday	6th	10:00am	Woodlane	Holy Mass: <i>St Maria Goretti</i> Nan Burnside
Tuesday	7th	9:30am	Barton	Holy Mass: Healy family
Wednesday	8th	9:30am	Barton	Holy Mass: Fr Anthony Talbot
Thursday	9th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Holy Mass: <i>St Rong & Co</i> Fr Brian Doolan
Friday	10th	11:00am	Haunton	Holy Mass: In Perpetuity
Saturday	11th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Feast of St Benedict</i> In Thanksgiving.
Fifteenth Sunday of year	12th JULY	9:00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parishes Holy Mass: Eileen Purcell

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *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* (CCC 1452).

Parish representatives: **Barton and Woodlane:** Safeguarding: Marcella Henley. Health and Safety: Laurie Hopkins and Sean Stanley **Haunton:** Safeguarding: Jackie Butcher. Health and Safety: Colin O'Carroll and Michael Hession

Baptism: By appointment, we are looking forward to celebrating more baptisms in the summer and autumn postponed because of the virus. **Marriages:** By appointment.

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, Elsie Crisp, Gillian Burke (Haunton), Reverend 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 for those with anniversaries in July especially:** Mollie Ettrich, John Montague, Leslie Felgate, Mary Somerville, Francis Baxter, Joan Adnit, John Cutler, Rowena Burke, Frieda Packer and Sheila Haslam and those who have died in our parishes, our country and throughout the world as a result of developing 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 Woodlane, Barton and Haunton,
Greetings on this Fourteenth Sunday of the year. I am sure you are delighted at the prospect of meeting together again for Holy Mass after this protracted period of lockdown. (See extract of letter from Archbishops, p.4). As from this weekend Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Barton-Under-Needwood is formally open to your good selves. On Sundays be aware family / household groups should try to keep at least a metre apart from others. Please wear a face covering (except children under eleven), a scarf or similar is fine. There will be a few chairs in the gallery, porch and hall with the doors open to aid listening and air flow. There remains no obligation to attend Sunday Mass and I well understand that some parishioners may wish to remain at home especially if you are feeling ill, have a pre-existing condition or are immunocompromised, however you may feel more at ease with attending a weekday Mass. Holy Mass with a public congregation shall start on Sunday 12th July. Woodlane shall be open for Mass and private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays (See back page).

'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened.' (Matthew 11:28)

From time to time we all feel a little weary. There are many triggers, some we are unable to identify but we experience the outcome, a certain heaviness and burden. The remedy is offered to us in the Gospel. We may say this is too good to be true. But our Lord always makes good on His promises – I **WILL** give you rest. Our part is to entrust our cares to Him (2 Peter 5:7) nothing is too trivial or unimportant, are we not through our Baptism, sons and daughters of our Almighty Father? We are asked to learn from the Lord. What is the lesson? To be humble and gentle, to admit our need, to be honest with ourselves and call out for God's grace. The yoke was placed over the backs of the oxen, the burden would be the item being carried, such as a plough. Our Lord, once an apprentice carpenter to his foster father, St Joseph may well have made many a yoke. The yoke and the burden are likened to the Commandments of God and the demands of carrying them out. What's more we have been given a heavenly mother Mary who cares about us. We are called to respond to God's promises - that's where Christian hope comes in. Peter Kreeft, a Catholic convert and philosopher spoke of hope as the life of the soul. In contrast to the vague sentiment of hopefulness or optimism the theological virtue of hope is a rock-solid certainty and anchor – not a wish or a feeling. The Spirit's life-giving work in the soul is to give the soul a reason to live and a reason to die, in other words Hope. Hope is the soul's food. Without Hope, the soul simply cannot live. Our seeking of peace and rest in our prayer is the result of God seeking us out. Hope is our response to His initiative.

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!**