

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 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.

**The Metropolitan Archbishops issued a message in early July, here is a part:**

"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. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion.

#### **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 – 9pm. 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 and Haunton are with a public congregation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **WOODLANE** (all welcome) Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July: 11am to 12noon and Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July: 7pm to 8pm. Please wear a face covering, observe social distancing; alcohol-gel hand sanitisers are available. We are on track to open **HAUNTON** parish Church for this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9am Mass, final details announced before Mass. For the three Churches guidance has been followed and a risk assessment completed, thank you to our Health and Safety and Safeguarding teams. *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, gratefully received!* **Deacon Alex Taylor** is away for a couple of weeks from Thursday, returning to us in August before assignment to a parish in advance of his ordination to the priesthood which takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at St Chad's Cathedral.

#### **OFFERINGS**

*Many thanks for your ongoing giving to the parishes. 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'. The parish greatly appreciates all 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**

*Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Wales Lane, Barton, DE13 8JF*

With the **Mother Church of St Francis de Sales, WOODLANE, DE13 8PH**

**Website: Barton Catholic Church**

### **THE PARISH OF HAUNTON**

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### **12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY of Year A**

***'Listen, anyone who has ears!'* Matthew 13:8**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord; you're when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

**Collect:** Let us pray *that the gospel may be our rule of life*, God our Father, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ. May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the gospel.

**Resp. to the Psalm, Lk 8:8:** Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 64: 10-14. Response: Luke 8:8., Romans 8: 18-23, Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23



<b>Fifteenth Sunday of year</b>	<b>12th JULY</b>	9:00am 11.00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the parishes Holy Mass: Eileen Purcell
<b>Monday</b>	13th	10:00am	Woodlane	Holy Mass: Tess Molloy R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday</b>	14th	9:30am	Barton	Holy Mass: Fr Giles Goward
<b>Wednesday</b>	15th	<b>N.B. 8:30am</b>	Barton	Holy Mass: <i>St Bonaventure</i> Fr A Timlin
<b>Thursday</b>	16th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Holy Mass: <i>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</i> Sr. Mary
<b>Friday</b>	17th	11.00am	Haunton	Mass: <i>Bl.Fr. J.Sugar &amp; R.Grissold</i> In Perpetuity
<b>Saturday</b>	18th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Thomas Molloy.
<b>Sixteenth Sunday</b>	<b>19th JULY</b>	9.00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parishes Holy Mass: People of the Parishes

**pSacrament 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:** Congratulations to Darla, Barney, Bridget, Kathleen, Charles, Isla and Daniel, recently baptised. To arrange please ring parish **Marriages:** By initial contact with parish and six months before the big day! **Coffee Morning:** To be organised soon.

**Confession:** See above and before Masses at **Woodlane** in open air, weather permitting.

### **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 Haunton, Barton and Woodlane, Greetings on this Fifteenth Sunday of the year. We were blessed last weekend with parishioners returning to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour for Sunday Mass. At present the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended, there are some parishioners who may feel more at ease with attending a weekday Mass where numbers are fewer. There is a sense of relief in the opportunity of meeting together again for Holy Mass after this lengthy period of lock-down. (See extract of letter from Archbishops, p.4). 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 are some masks in the porch areas of the Churches. At Barton you shall notice chairs in the porch and hall, there are seats too in the gallery and the Sacred Heart chapel, arrangements to aid social distancing. I realise some parishioners may wish to remain at home, a sound decision especially if you are feeling ill, have a pre-existing condition or are immuno-compromised. At St Michael and James, **Haunton**, Holy Mass with a public congregation shall start this Sunday 12th July. **Woodlane:** open for Mass and private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays (See back page).

### **'Imagine a sower going out to sow' (Matthew 13:23)**

Jesus frequently taught in parables to help his hearers think and reflect. The Gospel describes a scene familiar to people of first century Palestine and despite mechanization, the biological principles of germination and growth are the same. We may still even scatter seed by hand in our gardens! Seeds, when even hundreds of years old are capable, under the right conditions of developing into another plant or shrub. Our Lord was illustrating the different ways we respond to the Gospel message. Most of us were baptised as infants, the point when we were born again by water and the Holy Spirit, the moment the seed of Divine life inhabited us. We as little children were dependent on our parents to nurture the faith growing inside us. When we reached the age of reason and subsequent young adult years we faced decisions as to whether to respond to the graces of God and say a whole-hearted yes to the Gospel of life or as a popular song of the seventies said: 'Go (Y)our Own Way.' For many of us, especially those who attended a Catholic primary school, graces and blessings came our way; we would have received the Lord Himself in Holy Communion and at Confirmation been given the opportunity to make an adult commitment and experience renewal in the Holy Spirit. Our growth from those moments and beyond do depend on our receptivity. Without our response to the personal love and healing of Jesus our faith could be likened to the dormant seed. Are our hearts and minds fertile soil for growth in faith and ongoing discipleship?

**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 Covid-19, 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!**