

Prayer for deliverance from the Coronavirus:

Almighty and eternal God, from whom the whole universe receives energy, existence and life, we come to you to invoke your mercy, because today we are still living the fragility of the human condition in the experience of a new viral epidemic.

We believe that it is you who guides the course of human history and that your love can change our destiny for the better, whatever our human condition may be. This is why we entrust the sick and their families to you: for the paschal Mystery of your Son gives salvation and relief to their body and spirit.

Help each member of society do their job by strengthening the spirit of mutual solidarity. Support doctors and health workers, educators and social workers in the performance of their duties.

You who are comfort in fatigue and support in weakness, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the holy doctors and healers, keep all evil away from us.

Free us from the epidemic that is affecting us so that we can calmly resume our usual occupations and praise you and thank you with a heart renewed.

We trust you and address our plea to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 8pm, Thursday 4pm to 9pm, this Sunday 26th July: 8am to 11am and 5pm 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, Woodlane and Haunton are with a public congregation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **WOODLANE** (all welcome) Monday, 27th July: 11am to 12noon and Thursday, 30th July: 7pm to 8pm. Please wear a face covering, observe social distancing; alcohol-gel hand sanitisers are available. SS. Michael and James, **HAUNTON** shall be open for **TWO** hours on Fridays, 10:30am to 12:30 (Holy Mass: 11am. **N.B. FRI.: 31st July, 10am**) and Sundays, 8:30am to 10:30am (Holy Mass: 9am). For the three Churches guidance has been followed, a risk assessment completed, and information circulated, thank you to our Health and Safety and Safeguarding teams. Fr Sean Turley who offers Mass regularly for Haunton parishioners sends all his love and good wishes. *The Church porch at Barton is collecting food items to be donated to the YMCA food bank in Burton.* **Thanks for items donated (two car boot loads to date!), more gratefully received!** **Deacon Alex Taylor** is away at present having enjoyed five fruitful weeks with us at Barton, he returns for the last week of August (preaching on Sunday, 30th August) before beginning a parish assignment in advance of his ordination to the priesthood, scheduled for Saturday, 12th September at St Chad's Cathedral.

OFFERINGS

Many thanks for your regular giving to the parishes. I am very grateful for all your church contributions, cheques, Gift Aid envelopes, direct debits and standing orders. I appreciate your ongoing generosity. Thank you for your kindness to the parishes, to several charities and those near, dear and far in these demanding times, Fr Eamonn.

THE PARISH OF BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD

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

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THE PARISH OF HAUNTON

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26th JULY 2020 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY of Year A

'The Kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure' Matthew 13:44

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response to the Psalm: Lord how I love your law! Ps. 118 v 97.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: 'Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.'

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12, Psalm 118:57.72.76-77.127-130., Romans 8: 28-30, Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52



Seventeenth Sunday	26th JULY	9:00am 11.00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the parishes Holy Mass: People of the Parishes
Monday	27 th	10:00am	Woodlane	Holy Mass: Thomas Collins R.I.P.
Tuesday	28 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: Molli Bagnall
Wednesday	29 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>St Martha</i> Tony & Charmaine Marshall
Thursday	30 th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Holy Mass: Mena Collins
Friday	31 st	10.00am	Haunton	Mass: <i>St Ignatius</i> In Perpetuity
Saturday	1 AUG	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>St Alphonsus</i> Veesha Kluz
Eighteenth Sunday	2nd AUG	9.00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: Malcolm McDonald Holy Mass: People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: *Before Masses at Woodlane, at Barton before Saturday morning Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel beneath gallery.*

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.

PARISH (& friends): 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, Rosilyn, Sherry Webster, Little Jared Smith (in thanksgiving), Dennis Carter, Madeline Ware, Dominic Hesper, 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), Rev. Eric Towlson, Cath Wright, Paddy McCann, 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/ 1st August especially:** Mollie Etrich, John Montague, Leslie Felgate, Mary Somerville, Francis Baxter, Joan Adnit, John Cutler, Rowena Burke, Frieda Packer, Sheila Haslam and Brian Corbett 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, Haunton and Barton,
Greetings on this 'Seventeenth Sunday of the year! In these lockdown-easing days may you and your extended families be more and more reunited. Without doubt these last four months have been a challenging time for us all but the period has afforded many opportunities to reach out in loving and creative ways to each other. Today's Gospel teaches us the pathway to true happiness: total commitment and trust in the Lord Jesus and His family, the Catholic Church. St Matthew proclaims the Good News to his Jewish readers and listeners: Jesus is the awaited Messiah, who by His Death and Resurrection has ushered in a new covenant and reconciliation between the human race and the one God, of Trinitarian love. Once a scribe, who interpreted the law of old Israel, accepted the Gospel message, the truth likened to a precious pearl or priceless treasure, he would risk his reputation, esteem and wealth to be transformed.

Parishioners of Haunton and Barton will have received information and guidance regarding staying safe whilst at Church. The details compiled by our Health and Safety and Safeguarding officers included the maximum safe operating capacity in the parishes (St Francis de Sales, Woodlane, 20 people maximum). We shall all try to be responsible and careful so as to minimise the risk of cross infection. As you are aware the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended, with that in mind parishioners may feel more at ease with attending a weekday Mass where numbers are fewer. Please be aware family / household groups should try to keep at least a metre apart from others. Please wear a face covering, *essential* (I shall wear a face mask before and after Mass and during distribution of Holy Communion) except children under eleven, a scarf or similar is fine, there are plenty of free face masks in the porch and entrance areas of Barton and Haunton Church. At Barton you shall notice certain pews are out of use, with extra chairs in the Church, porch, hall, gallery and the Sacred Heart chapel; arrangements to aid social distancing. **Government guidance for the safe use of places of worship states that churches should assist NHS Track and Trace by keeping a record of those who come to Church, thus the Archdiocese of Birmingham recommends we capture contact details: name and phone number of those attending (individuals and families are free to decline) and in line with GDPR, kept for 21 days and then disposed of.** I realise some parishioners will wish to remain at home especially if they are either feeling ill, suspect they are ill, have been exposed to Covid 19, have a pre-existing condition, are immuno-compromised, or have a sick family member in their household.

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 (their little hearts start to beat at 16 days after conception), those effected by Covid-19, the dying and incapacitated, travellers, migrants, the unemployed and the homeless. We pray for young people, the Holy Souls, vocations to the matrimony, priesthood, religious life, and persecuted Christians. Pray too for a deeper love in Christ's Eucharistic presence in our Churches. **God Bless you all! Fr Eamonn**