

Saints celebrated in the forthcoming week.

On Monday, 10th August we keep the feast of St Lawrence who was martyred in 258AD. His existence is attested by an ancient writing *Depositio Martyrum*. St Lawrence was a Deacon in Rome closely associated with Pope Sixtus II, who was martyred a few days before him in the persecution of Emperor Valerian. St Lawrence was arrested by the prefect and called on to deliver up the property of the Church, his answer was to point to a crowd of poor people and utter these words: "Here are the true treasures of the Church."

Tuesday is the memorial of St Clare (1194 – 1253AD), founder of the Order of Poor Clares. St Clare was inspired by the preaching of St Francis. For the last twenty-seven years of her life Clare suffered from various illnesses but remained devoted to her convent sisters and to the town of Assisi. Twice Assisi was in danger of being sacked by the armies of Emperor Frederick II but St Clare, although ill, was carried to the wall with a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament, at which, according to her biographers, the armies fled.

This Friday we reflect on the life of the priest, St Maximilian Kolbe. As a child he accepted a white and red crown from Our Lady representing purity and martyrdom respectively. St Maximilian founded the Militia of the Immaculate Mary and undertook a mission across Europe and Asia including Japan. During his imprisonment at Auschwitz he offered himself in exchange for the father of a large family due to be executed. St Maximilian led others in prayer in the starvation bunker.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, BARTON is open for private prayer: **Monday 1pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8am to 8pm, Thursday 4pm to 9pm, this Sunday 9th August: 8am to 11am and 2pm to 8pm.** The Church porch is open every day from 8am. 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, 10th Aug: 10am to 12noon **after 9am Mass** and Thursday, 13th Aug: 7pm to 8pm. SS. Michael and James, **HAUNTON** shall be open for **TWO** hours on Fridays, 10:30am to 12:30 (Holy Mass: 11am) 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. *The Church porch (open from 8am) at Barton is collecting food items to be donated to the YMCA food bank in Burton. Many Thanks for items donated to date, more gratefully received!* **Deacon Alex Taylor** returns for the last week of August before his assignment to Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Acocks Green, Birmingham in advance of his ordination to the priesthood, 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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9th AUGUST 2020 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY of Year A

'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' Matthew 14:26

Entrance Antiphon: 'Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.'

Collect: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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.

Psalm resp. 84 v.8: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: 'The bread that I give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.'

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13, Psalm 84:9-14., Romans 9: 1-5, Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33



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

Nineteenth Sunday	9th AUG	9:00am 11.00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish
Monday	10th	9:00am	Woodlane	Holy Mass: <i>St Lawrence</i> Michael Delaney
Tuesday	11th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>St Clare</i> . May Polacarz
Wednesday	12th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>St Jane de Chantal</i> John O’Sullivan
Thursday	13th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Holy Mass: Mary Keane R.I.P.
Friday	14th	11.00am	Haunton	Holy Mass: <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i> In perpetuity
Saturday	15th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> McCann family
Solemnity of the Assumption	16th AUG	9.00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish

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 the recently baptised. To arrange please ring parish **Marriages:** Please contact parish ideally six months before the big day! **Coffee Morning:** To be organised soon. **Church flowers** this weekend Quinn family, Wolverhampton – Thank you!

PARISH (& friends): SICK, HOUSEBOUND & DECEASED

Please pray for the **sick and housebound** of the Parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially for Gillian Biancardo, 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, 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 August especially:** Brian Corbett, Edna Byrne, Lawrence Mason, Cyril Clemson, Marjorie Charles, May Glennon, evelyn Clemson, Mary Hornsby, Curtis Beene, Bernard Stonier, Ann Northcott, Kate Derry, Frank Brown, May Childs, Mary Brandrick, Peter Gennoy, Amber Baxter, Mary Willetts, Winifred McCarthy, Mary Wooley, Louise Hill and Jo Kearns 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.

Dear Parishioners of Barton, Woodlane and Haunton,
Every good wish on this Nineteenth Sunday of the year! I hope this second weekend of August newsletter finds you with faith, hope and love in your hearts. We are travelling through difficult times, for nearly five months, great swathes of humanity have, for the first time in history been deprived of access to Holy Mass. Thank the Lord the return has begun. In the special collect of the traditional Votive Mass for deliverance is the prayer: “O God, who does not want the death of the sinner but that he should repent: welcome with pardon Thy people’s return to Thee: and so long as they are faithful in thy service, do thou in Thy clemency withdraw the scourge of thy wrath. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Now more than ever we are urged to heed the words of Jesus from today’s Gospel: ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ (Matt. 14:26). As you are well aware we are not bound by the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days; 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, gel hands on entering and exiting and please wear a face covering, *essential* and *mandatory in enclosed places* (I shall wear a face mask before and after Mass and during distribution of Holy Communion), there are plenty of free face masks in the porch and entrance areas of Barton and Haunton Church. At Our Lady’s there are 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.

Prayer Intentions: For families: to be places of prayer and love. For the people of Lebanon following the Beirut port explosion. Please continue to pray for the safety and protection of our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb (there are no medical circumstances justifying direct abortion, that is circumstances in which the life of a mother may only be saved by directly terminating the life of her unborn child ‘Statement by Obstetricians’ 1992), those effected by Covid-19, the dying and incapacitated, travellers, migrants, the unemployed and the homeless. We pray for young people, Holy Souls, persecuted Christians and more vocations to matrimony, priesthood, and religious life. Pray too for a deeper love in Christ’s Eucharistic presence in our Churches. **God Bless you all! Fr Eamonn**