

Saints for the forthcoming week:

On Monday 24th August we keep the feast of St Bartholomew, known as Nathanael in St John's gospel. From Cana in Galilee, St Bartholomew was introduced to Jesus by St Philip. Tradition suggests St Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and Armenia; he was martyred most probably by the Caspian Sea. The famous 'Barts' hospital in London originates in a vision to a priest and monk called Rahere. When on pilgrimage, Rahere fell ill and had a reputed vision of St Bartholomew who directed him to establish a religious hospital which he did on his recovery and return in 1123.

This Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, a passionist priest from central Italy, near Viterbo; he lost his parents at a young age but developed a devotion to Our Lady, Mother of God. Blessed Dominic sensed a calling to preach the Gospel in England. In his final years 1841 to 1849 this call within a call bore fruit. On visiting a friend in Littlemore, St John Henry Newman asked the little Italian passionist to hear his confession and receive him into the Catholic Church.

On Friday we honour St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. At first he followed his mother's example, but later fell into serious sin. "My sins increase like a rolling snow ball", he wrote in his "Confessions". St Monica, his mother, constantly prayed for his conversion. At the age of thirty-three whilst in Milan he converted to the Catholic Christian faith and was baptised in that Italian city by St Ambrose. Returning to Africa Augustine was elected Bishop.

Our Lady's, BARTON is open for private prayer: **Monday 9am to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 7pm, Thursday 9am to 9pm, this Sunday 23rd August: 9am to 11am and 2pm to 8pm.** The Church porch is open every day from 9am. All Masses as listed at Barton, Woodlane and Haunton are with a public congregation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **WOODLANE** Thursday, 27th 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 at Barton is collecting food items to be donated to the YMCA food bank in Burton.* **Thank you for your generosity to date.**

Deacon Alex Taylor returns to us this week before his assignment to Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Acocks Green, Birmingham in advance of his ordination to the priesthood, Saturday, 12th September in Birmingham. Alex shall offer some reflections on the readings and the Gospel for us on Sunday 30th August.

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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23rd AUGUST 2020 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Matthew 16:15

Entrance Ant: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.

Ps.137 v. 8: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 137:1-3.6.8., Romans 11:33-36. Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20



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

Twenty – First Sunday	23rd AUG	9:00am 11.00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish
Monday	24 th	9:30am	Woodlane	Mass: <i>St Bartholomew</i> Noreen Young R.I.P
Tuesday	25 th	9:30am	Barton	Holy Mass: <i>St Louis</i> Private Intention
Wednesday	26 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Bl. Dominic Barberi</i> Canon Breen
Thursday	27 th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Holy Mass: <i>St Monica</i> Holy Souls
Friday	28 th	11.00am	Haunton	Holy Mass: <i>St Augustine</i> In perpetuity
Saturday	29 th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>St John the Baptist</i> beheading M. Murray
Twenty-Second Sunday	30th AUG	9.00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: George Hesper R.I.P. 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 and Val Shaw. 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:** Tuesday 25th August in the Church hall. **Church flowers** this weekend from Church funds – 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, Mrs Terry Davidson, Holly McMahon, Brian Morris, Sean Stanley, Dennis Carter, Madeline Ware, Dominic Hesper, Shirley, 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 Hesper, 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, Peggy Murray, 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 Haunton, Woodlane and Barton,
Every good wish on this penultimate weekend of August, the Twenty-First Sunday in ordinary time. I pray your trust in the Lord and in His mercy and forgiveness is strong. The Gospel today urges us to examine our personal commitment to Christ the Son of the living God. As we deepen such a commitment every day our focus on self-interest is replaced by a heart for God and others.

As you are well aware for the time being we are not bound by the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days; 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, Woodlane and Haunton Church.

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.

The Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust (**SHCT**) sponsored ‘Ride and Stride’ is taking place in three weeks, Saturday 12th September. SHCT was founded in 1953 with the aim of helping Churches with the cost of repairs, the annual sponsored event is in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts. Participants are sponsored by family and friends and visit as many churches (open or unopened) as they can between 10am and 6pm. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker/driver is returned to their home church. Sponsorship forms are available.

Prayer Intentions: For families: to be places of prayer and love. For the people of Lebanon and for places of oppression. Please continue to pray for the safety and protection of our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb (their little hearts start beating within three weeks of conception – 11th Oct 2016, British Heart Foundation Press Office) and the health of their mum’s and dad’s, those effected by Covid-19, the dying and incapacitated, travellers, migrants, the unemployed and the homeless. We pray for young people with decisions to make, Holy Souls, persecuted Christians and more vocations to matrimony, priesthood, and religious life. Pray too for a deeper love of Christ’s Eucharistic presence in our churches.

God Bless us all! Fr Eamonn