

### **Petition to the Home Secretary:**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children **SPUC** is inviting us to sign a petition to uphold the right of peaceful, law-abiding pro-life citizens to save the lives of unborn children and to offer help to pregnant women directly outside abortion clinics and to reject any measure to restrict this activity. The offer of help from a caring pro-life person is a lifeline for many women, who feel abortion is their only choice. Pro-life citizens have a right to gather peacefully and women have a right to receive accurate information. Buffer zones would set a dangerous precedent for freedom of speech in the UK. Petition forms are available in the porches of our churches. May I encourage your good selves to sign this petition. This peaceful witness literally saves lives, a witness that is both pro-life and pro-eternal life. The witness of pro-lifers had a huge effect on Abby Johnson, the director of a key Planned Parenthood in Texas. Abby made friends with the vigil keepers outside the clinic and the Holy Spirit began to work. Abby realised for years she had told people lies, having learned the truth and faced the secrets of her own past she went on to become a leading voice for life and women in crisis. We too are called to be ambassadors for the Gospel of life!

On Monday we celebrate the feast of the **Exaltation of the Cross**, the feast recalls three events. First, the finding of the true cross by Saint Helena. Second, the dedication in 335AD of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary, the cross was brought outside the church on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Third, the restoration of the true cross to Jerusalem in 629AD by the Byzantine emperor Heraclius. **On Tuesday we keep the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows or Dolours; her seven sorrows are: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of Jesus in the temple, Mary's meeting with Jesus carrying the Cross, the Crucifixion, Mary receiving her son's body and the burial of her son and tomb closing.**

Our Lady's, Barton is open for private prayer: Monday and Thursday: 1pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September: 9am to 11am and 3pm to 9pm. All Masses as listed at Barton, Woodlane and Haunton are with a public congregation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **Woodlane**, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept., 11am-12noon and Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept., 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).

*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.*

Congratulations to **Alex Taylor** ordained to the sacred priesthood this weekend. Father Alex is looking forward to offering Mass at Woodlane on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### **OFFERINGS**

*Many thanks for your regular giving to the parishes. I am very grateful for all your parish contributions by cheques, Gift Aid envelopes, loose cash, direct debits and standing orders. Thank you for your kindness to the parishes, to several charities such as ACN, FHL, LIFE, SPUC, Fr Hudson's Care, Romanian children, BVN, Food banks and those near, dear and far in these demanding times, 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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### **13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY of year A**

*'...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors' Matthew 6:12*

**Ent. Ant.:** 'Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.'

**Collect:** Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 response:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.' (Psalm 102:8)

**Gospel Accl.:** 'Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!'

**Communion Antiphon:** The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

**Readings:** Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7, Psalm 102:1-4.8-12., Romans 14: 7-9. Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 - 35



<b>Twenty - Fourth Sunday</b>	<b>13th Sept.</b>	9:00am 11.00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	14th	10:00am	Woodlane	Mass: <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Woodlane ints.
<b>Tuesday</b>	15th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	16th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>SS Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i> Nan Rooney
<b>Thursday</b>	17th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Holy Mass: Johnny 'Red' Purcell
<b>Friday</b>	18th	11.00am	Haunton	Holy Mass: In perpetuity
<b>Saturday</b>	19th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Robin Walton
<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday</b>	<b>20th Sept.</b>	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.*

**Parish representatives:** Barton and Woodlane: Safeguarding: Marcella Henley and Pauline McDonnell. 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! Next **Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 22nd Sept., Church hall; our meeting last time went well – thanks to helpers. **Church flowers** this week from Kluz family – 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, Madeline Ware, Dominic Hespe, Shirley, Phyllis 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:** Denis Carter, George Hespe, Frances Swindells, 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 September especially:** John McDonnell, Fr David Hutt (10th Sept 2006), Louis Bamford, C (Neil) O'Reagan, Cheryl Butler, Lis Slater, Reg Willetts, Thomas & Winifred Woodyet and Frank Varney 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,

Greetings on this **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Church year!** The Gospel this weekend underlines the importance of forgiveness. We pray frequently in the Lord's prayer: forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. To forgive others is a Divine imperative. – easier said than done especially when we have been deeply hurt or deceived. If we refuse to forgive we frustrate the will of God for ourselves and the other person. Our heart may harden and we may end up consumed by bitterness and resentment. Hate begets hate, love begets love. Remember Jesus cried out to His Father to forgive His torturers. There was discussion in the Jewish Talmud as to the precise number of times forgiveness should be rendered unconditionally, opinions suggested three times. Jesus teaches forgiveness must be from the heart and without limits. A decision to forgive is a grace-filled moment.

As we are not bound by the obligation to attend Sunday Mass parishioners may prefer to attend a weekday Mass where numbers are fewer - family / households should try to keep at least a metre apart from others, gel hands on entering and exiting and please wear a face covering, **mandatory in enclosed places**, there are plenty of free face masks in the porch and entrance areas of our churches. **To allay real concerns may I prayerfully request those who wish to receive on the tongue directly from the priest to wait until everyone else attending Mass has received Holy Communion on their hands. Fr Eamonn**

**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.*

Thank you to all those who took part in the sponsored 'Ride and Stride' last **Saturday 12th September.** The annual sponsored event was in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker/driver is to be returned to their home church. Many thanks for the volunteers helping out at Haunton Church Hall, Woodlane Church JP11 rooms and Barton Church porch.

**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 parent'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**