

Saints during the week.

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St Matthew. In his Gospel account, St Matthew demonstrates that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament hope for a messiah. The Greek version of the Hebrew word 'messiah' is 'Christ' meaning anointed by God. St Matthew wrote to show his Jewish readers that faith in Jesus was quite natural for any Jew, as the life and teaching of Jesus came from deep Jewish roots. As we read his gospel we observe the many quotes from Old Testament prophets and psalms being fulfilled by Jesus. St Matthew places the teaching of Jesus in five blocks to mirror the five books of the law of Moses: 1. Chapters (Ch.) 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount. 2. Ch. 10, Jesus sends out the twelve. 3. Ch.13, Parables of the Kingdom. 4. Ch.18, being a disciple. 5. Ch. 24 -25, teaching on the future. St Matthew shows the Gospel of Jesus is for the whole world for Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles) – 'Go and make disciples of all nations.' (Matt. 28:19). Matthew was also called Levi, the son of Alphaeus, his line of work: a tax collector for the Romans, hateful to the Jews but the Lord called him. St Matthew was probably martyred in Persia, modern day Iran.

On Wednesday we keep the memorial of St Pio, better known as Padre Pio, a priest of the Franciscan Capuchin community who received supernatural gifts and bore the stigmata, the wounds of the passion of Christ.

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.

Our Lady's, Barton is open for private prayer: Monday and Thursday: 1pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 6th September: 9am to 11am and 5pm 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 21st Sept., 11am-12noon and Thursday, 24th 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.

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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20th SEPTEMBER 2020 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY of year A

'Why be envious because I am generous?' Matthew 20:16

Entrance Antiphon: 'I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their lord for ever.'

Collect: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 close to all who call him'. (Psalm 144:18)

Gospel Acclamation: 'Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!'

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18. Philippians 1:20-24,27.
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1 - 16



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

Twenty - Fifth Sunday	20th Sept.	9:00am 11.00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish
Monday	21st	10:00am	Woodlane	Mass: <i>St Matthew Feast</i> Fr Dominic Chmielewski
Tuesday	22 nd	9:30am	Barton	Mass: Marie "Lis" Slator
Wednesday	23 rd	9:30am	Barton	<i>St Pio</i> , Commemoration Mass Elsie Crisp RIP
Thursday	24 th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Mass: <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> P. and M. Gavin
Friday	25 th	11.00am	Haunton	Holy Mass: In perpetuity
Saturday	26 th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Holy Souls
Twenty-Sixth Sunday	27th Sept.	9.00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Haunton Barton Woodlane	Holy Mass: Mary Reilly R.I.P. Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: Jack and Biddy Maloney

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 McMahan, 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.

Dear Parishioners, Greetings on this **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Church year!** The Gospel this weekend underlines the generous love of God, a love that cannot be measured by any human standard.

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.*

HARVEST FESTIVAL: SUNDAY 4th October (TWO WEEKS TIME). Usually we celebrate Harvest Festival at Barton and at the end of Mass we auction the gifts and proceeds to an orphanage in Guatemala. Given Covid-19 restrictions this year we shall hold a "pantry Harvest" by bringing non-perishable items to church and then gift them to the YMCA homeless project, a charity we already support. Please bring your gifts over the next two next weekends.

First Holy Communion Mass: Sunday 18th October, 11am, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Wales Lane, Barton. Please pray for all the children and their parents and siblings. A big thank you to Bridget Bradley who has been preparing the children these last few months. Please let Bridget or myself know if you would like your child to make First Holy Communion next year 2021.

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 (the unborn child experiences some degree of pain from as early as eight week's gestation, cf. Dr Maureen Condic, Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy, University of Utah.) 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, the 40 Days for Life witness, 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**