

Year of St Joseph, a creatively courageous father: 'If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had. As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (Cf. Lk 2:6-7). *Patris Corde* – Pope Francis

LIFE (website: lifecharity.org.uk) The Baby welcome packs consisting of baby clothes, nappies and toiletries kindly donated are to be delivered shortly for the benefit of new mothers in need locally. Please keep dropping off items for the packs to the Church porches. **Thank you for the several packs received to date!** See also websites: spuc.org.uk and righttolife.org.uk

Churches open for prayer, times: Our Lady's, **Barton** is open Sunday, 8am to 7pm. Monday to Saturday: 9am to 7pm. Chapels at Barton, Woodlane and Haunton are Covid-19 compliant. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **Woodlane**, Monday 3rd May: 10:45am -11:45am, Thurs. 6th May: 6:45pm to 7:45pm and at **Barton** before Tuesday and Wednesday Masses. SS. Michael and James, **Haunton** shall be open for a Holy Hour on Wednesday 5th May: 10am to 11am and for two hours thirty minutes on Fridays, 10:30am to 1pm (Mass at 11am, confessions: 10:45am, Holy Hour: 12noon-1pm) and Sundays, 8:30am to 10:30am (Mass at 9am).

The Church porch at Barton is a collection point for food items for the YMCA food bank in Burton and both entrance areas at Barton and Haunton for items for the LIFE charity (see above), your generosity to date is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those who have already transported food bags to the YMCA, James Street, Burton. The YMCA are delighted with the kindness of the Churches Together in Barton and have emailed a thank you to your good selves,

OFFERINGS

*On behalf of the parishes I am very grateful for all your weekly and monthly parish contributions by cheques, Gift Aid envelopes, cash, direct debits and standing orders. Our 2020 annual return is done and signed off, report in Church porches. Thank you for your kindness to the parishes and to several charities and those near dear and far in these demanding times. **GIFT AID NEWS:** The Gift Aid Office is unable to send out certificates of donation this year. If any Gift Aid donor is unsure about how much they have donated they can contact the Gift Aid Organiser for Haunton this is Stephanie Clarke (tel. 01827 373201 or 07952 800212 or myself for Barton. Fr Eamonn*

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2nd MAY 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER – year B

'I am the true vine' John 15:1

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect: Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Psalm resp: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. **Ps. 21:26**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty alleluia.

Readings for Mass: Acts of the Apostles: 9:26-31; Psalm 21: 26-28, 30-32; 1 John 3: 18-24; Gospel: John 15:1-8

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Saturdays 10:45am to 11:15am Barton & before 9am & 11am Sunday Masses.* Many thanks to our Safeguarding, Health and Safety representatives and stewards of the three churches in the Haunton and Barton parishes; the aforementioned have rightly held me to account



Fifth Sunday of Easter	2nd May	Times 9:00am 11:00am 3:00pm	places Haunton Barton Woodlane	of Masses and intentions Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Hour and Benediction
Monday	3 rd	10:00am	Woodlane	Mass: <i>Feast of SS. Philip & James</i> Johnson Fund
Tuesday	4 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Feast of English Martyrs</i> Healy family
Wednesday	5 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> Haunton parishioners
Thursday	6 th	6:00pm	Woodlane	Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> Travelling Community
Friday	7 th	11.00am	Haunton	First Friday Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> In perpetuity
Saturday	8 th	10:00am	Barton	Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> George Manners
Sixth Sunday of Easter	9th May	9:00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: H.R.H. Philip Mountbatten Holy Mass: People of the Parish

and continue to ensure our Mass attendees are as safe as possible and that our sacred spaces comply with Covid-19 protocols. **Baptism:** please ring parishes. **Marriages:** Contact parishes. **Coffee Morning:** shall resume soon, June/July. **Sacristans, Barton:** Laurie & Jackie Hopkins. **Haunton:** Michael Hession (site manager at SS. Michael & James). **Woodlane:** Mary Mansfield & Barbara Labrosse. Thanks to the Haunton flower team & the Kluz family for the Barton Eastertide flowers!

SICK, HOUSEBOUND & DECEASED of OUR PARISHES

Please pray for the sick of the Parishes and beyond: Hannah Delmas, Sue Collins, Doreen Rosa, Pauline McDonnell, Gillian Biancardo, Francis Paton, Philip Purcell, Little Jared Smith, Jackie Butcher, Mrs Terry Davidson, Holly McMahan, Brian Morris, Dominic Hesse, Phyliss Gibbons, Emily Locking, Neal Carlin, Kate Hoyes, George Brandrick, Sean McDonnell, Paul Woodward, Philip Haslam and John Power.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Bridget O'Sullivan, Cressida Brennan, Martin McEvoy (Haunton), Maureen Lewis (Woodlane), Elizabeth Raj, David Gill, Betty Smith, John Waller, Mark Woodward & Brenda Woodward, Shirley & David Withey, Diane Hession, Catherine Turley, Val Collins, Denis Carter, George Hesse, George Manners, Elsie Crisp, Gillian Burke, Cath Wright, Steve Chawner, Amged El-Hawrani, Ray Brough, Michael Rogan, Margaret Bailey, Mildred Power, Philip Crook, Gladys Taft, Giles Heron, Joseph Kearns, Sheila Haslam, Joan Thorpe and Frs. Patrick Joyce, Giles Goward and Oliver Kemp, pray for those who died in the stampede in the Mount Meron **and for those with anniversaries in May:** Norah Mason (30/4/2017), Kieran Kilby, Charles Houghton, Michael Barrett, James Coffey, Christopher Bailey, May Lloyd, Doreen Adams, Freda Morozowicz, Christopher Sharkey, Jim Sutherland, Kathleen Syed, Freda Strand and Edward Gatley.

May they rest in peace and may the Lord bring consolation to all the bereaved
'Be joyful always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in every circumstance.' | Thess 5:17

Dear Parishioners and friends of Our Lady's, SS. Michael & James and St Francis de Sales,
Every blessing on this Fifth Sunday of Easter! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you says the Lord in our Gospel this Sunday (John 15:1-8). For many of us

home is a place where we are able to be ourselves and feel safe and secure. Our true home is in the abiding presence of Christ. Through our baptism we gained citizenship of heaven, Philippians 3:20; there we received, so to speak our heavenly passport, a guarantee of safe passage *if* we endure to the end. We are being saved, Philippians 2:12 and we hoped to be saved, Matthew 24:13. We as Catholics receive many graces particularly in our reception of the Holy Eucharist: *whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life:* John 6:54. From such Communion we remain part of the vine and shall bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit to include love and peace; lovingly by word, thought and deed we lead others to Jesus and introduce folk to His Catholic family, the Church. As we share the healing and forgiveness of Jesus we have experienced, His Kingdom shall grow: *'Christ has no body now on earth, but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which is to look out Christ's compassion to the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now* (St Teresa of Avila). The Gospel narrative is part of the Last Supper discourses, a word of encouragement, an exhortation for the disciples, and thus us, to remain united to Christ by keeping His commandments: *'The secret of spiritual fruitfulness is union with God, union that is realised especially in the Eucharist, also rightly called "Communion"'* (Pope Benedict XVI).

We continue to follow all guidance for safe worship, e.g., refraining from congregational singing. We collect, with your consent, names and contacts for **NHS Track and Trace** and in line with General Data Protection Regulation, (GDPR) details are kept for 21 days and then disposed of by shredding.

Prayer Intentions for May: Let us pray for those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. (Pope Francis). For those living in areas of conflict, perfection and famine - grant them hope, justice and peace. For the people who have been received into the Catholic family at Easter. May we be a people for life, remembering our little unborn brothers and sisters in the womb (18-20 days: the foundations of spinal cord are laid, 21-23 days gestation the child's heart begins to beat - ultrasound results, O'Rahilly, R. and Muller). We pray too for the spiritual and emotional life of their parent's, we intercede for the elderly, incapacitated and the dying, and for the victims of Human Trafficking and modern slavery. We pray too for those suffering with the effects of Covid-19. We pray for the Travelling, Gypsy and Roma communities, migrants and seekers of asylum, the unemployed and the homeless. We pray for our young people especially those who may be struggling after the lockdowns and uncertain regarding their future. We pray for the volunteers in the Rachel's Vineyard charity, the Mary's Meals charity, Aid to the Church in Need, persecuted Christians and for more vocations to matrimony, priesthood, and the religious life. We pray too for a deeper love of Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament in our chapels! **Have a Blessed Fifth Sunday of Eastertide! fr Eamonn**