

Year of St Joseph, an accepting father: 'Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement." Homily at Mass and Beatifications, Villavicencio, Colombia (8th September 2017); AAS 109 (2017), 1061. Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. *Patris Cordis – Pope Francis*

LIFE (website: lifecharity.org.uk) The Baby welcome packs consisting of baby clothes etc., 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/NIdisabilityConsultation

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 10th May: 10:45am -11:45am, Thurs. 13th 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 12th May: 10am to 11am and for three hours this Friday, 9:30am to 12:30noon (Mass at 11am, Holy Hour: 9:55am to 10:55am) 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*

With the **Mother Parish of St Francis de Sales, WOODLANE, DE13 8PH**

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THE PARISH OF HAUNTON

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9th MAY 2021 – SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER – year B

'Remain in my love' John 15:9-17

Entrance Antiphon: 'Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia'.

Collect: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. **Ps. 97:2**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Readings for Mass: Acts of the Apostles: 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97: 1-4; 1 John 4: 7-10; Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

THE PARISH OF BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Wales Lane, Barton, DE13 8JF

Sixth Sunday of Easter	9th May	Times 9:00am 11:00am	places Haunton Barton	of Masses and intentions Holy Mass: H.R.H. Philip Mountbatten Holy Mass: Stasia Kluz
Monday	10 th	10:00am	Woodlane	Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> Johnson Fund
Tuesday	11 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> Healy family
Wednesday	12 th	9:30am	Barton	Mass: <i>Easter Feria</i> Chelsea H.
Ascension Thursday	13 th	9:00am 6:00pm	Barton Woodlane	Mass: A Travelling Community family Mass: Jim McCann
Friday	14 th	11.00am	Haunton	Mass: <i>Feast of St Matthias</i> In perpetuity
Saturday	15 th	No Mass TODAY	Barton	Church open from 9am for prayer and devotions.
Seventh Sunday of Easter	16th May	9:00am 11:00am	Haunton Barton	Holy Mass: People of the Parish 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 on Tuesday 29th June. **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 McMahon, Brian Morris, Dominic Hesse, Phylliss 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), Mr and Mrs 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter! 'Remain in my love' were the words of Our Saviour on Holy Thursday night, a mandate to love, a graced love that would

even reach out and forgive enemies, such a call was indeed challenging. St Augustine of Hippo experienced a massive change of heart when he heard the voice of the Lord calling him to a new life; his mother, St Monica had prayed years for his conversion of heart; her prayer was heard and answered. From a self seeking existence to a Christ centered life, St Augustine reflected on his transformation: *'Late have I loved you, O beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved you! For behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my ugliness fell upon those lovely things that you made. You were with me and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and cried to me and broke upon my deafness; and you sent forth your beam and shone upon me, and I drew in my breath and do not pant for you; I tasted you and I now hunger and thirst for you; you touched me, and I now burned for your peace'*. Later St Augustine would muse: *'One loving heart sets another on fire... love has the hands to help others, love has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy, love has the eyes to see misery and want, love has the ears to hear the signs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.'* May we heed the Gospel imperative: **'Remain in my love'**

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 that they will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. (Pope Francis). For those living in areas of conflict, oppression and famine - grant them hope, justice and peace. For the people who have been received into the Catholic family at Easter. May we continue to be a people for life, remembering our little unborn brothers and sisters in the womb (18-20 days: the foundations of the 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 and for those suffering with the effects of Covid-19. We pray also 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 Sixth Sunday of Eastertide! fr Eamonn