

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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First Sunday of Lent (A)

5th March 2017

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Welfare of Oliver Partridge

Second Collection for St Chad's Cathedral
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Monday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am

Susanna and James Sullivan

Tuesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am

Private Intention

Wednesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am

Denis McCarthy

Thursday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am

Private Intention

Friday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am

Hilda and Arthur

7.00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Saturday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am

Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Marie Devaney;**
Kathleen Caffery (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £414.37. Thank you.

40 Days for Life, the annual campaign to help save babies from being aborted, runs in Birmingham from 1st March until 9th April, and involves a peaceful vigil outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, 4 Arthur Road, Birmingham, B15 2UL, where over 5,000 babies are aborted each year. See the leaflets at the back of church for more information. This year is the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act; 8.7 million babies have been aborted in the UK since then.

*Friday of this week is the **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. Envelopes for your contribution are available at the back of church and should be returned next weekend, when there will be a second collection at both the Sunday Masses.*

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will run from 27th May until 2nd June. There is a brochure and booking forms in the church porch; copies can also be downloaded at www.tangey-tours.com. Sick pilgrims requiring extensive medical care should contact Miss Fiona Bonham, Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. If you are a nurse and wish to volunteer your services, please contact Trish Brookes at lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org.

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.
