

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Michael McCarthy

Monday [St Nicholas Owen, religious]

9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church]

9.00 am Denis McCarthy

Wednesday [Conversion of St Paul *Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends*]

9.00 am Mrs Lewis

Thursday [Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am James Quinn

Saturday [St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor of the Church]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Michael McCarthy; Eva Spink; John Spencer; John William Butterley** (anniversaries).

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*Last Week's Collection: £362.61. Thank you.*

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Copies of the 2017 edition of the Diocesan Year Book are available at the back of church, price £3.50.

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*There will be a Deanery Readers' Day at St Gregory the Great Church Hall, Welcombe Road, Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday, to which all who read at Mass are invited. See poster in church porch for more details.*

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The annual Parish Finance Meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. This is an opportunity to look at our income and expenditure in 2016 and to assess the state of our finances. Everyone is welcome.

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Let us note that this Sacrament [of the Altar] has a threefold meaning:

In regard to the past, it is commemorative of the Lord's Passion, which was a true sacrifice, and because of this the Sacrament is called a sacrifice.

In regard to a fact of our own time, that is, to the unity of the Church and that through this Sacrament mankind should be gathered together. Because of this the Sacrament is called communion. St John Damascene says the Sacrament is called communion because by means of it we communicate with Christ, and this because we hereby share in His Body and in His Divinity, and because by it we are communicated to and united with one another.

In regard to the future, the Sacrament foreshadows that enjoyment of God which shall be ours in our fatherland. On this account the Sacrament is called viaticum, since it provides us with the means of journeying to that fatherland. On this account, too, the Sacrament is also called Eucharist, that is to say, the good grace, either because the grace of God is life eternal, or because it really contains Christ who is the fullness of grace.

In Greek the Sacrament is also called Metalepsis, that is, Assumption, for through the Sacrament we assume the divinity of the Son of God.

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

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