

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

22nd October 2017

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Lola Campbell

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Linda Barker

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Annie Farrell

Thursday [St Cedd, bishop]

9.00 am Phyllis Kempster

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am Christine Connelly

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am

Saturday [Ss Simon and Jude, apostles]

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: **Phyllis Kempster; Helen Chinn; Sr M. Agnes** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £389.23. Thank you.

Bible Study. Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

40 Days for Life is holding a vigil outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Edgbaston, Birmingham, until 5 November. Please see the leaflets at the back of church for more details.

No matter in which direction we turn for satisfaction (other than towards you, Lord) it will lead to pain – not at once, but eventually. The object of our devotion may be good and pure and beautiful ... but it is nothing apart from you.

Every object of beauty has its spring and its fall. It begins its life in the spring, grows to perfection of form and beauty, and then grows old and withers away. The more speedily it advances to perfection, the more speedily it comes to an end.

This impermanence is part of your divine plan, to show us that even the loveliest and best things in creation are not complete in themselves. They are part of the whole creation, and by withering and passing away they make room for other creatures which are to follow.

So, Lord, deliver me from exaggerated love for any of your creatures, for by their nature they come and go, moving irreversibly to their end, yet tearing our affections apart with desires that can never be fulfilled.

Man's spirit longs to commit itself to what it loves, but it cannot commit itself to your creatures, because, instead of remaining, they fly away.

But no one loses you, Lord. You do not change. You have no fall, no winter, no beginning, no ending. You are the only friend who never goes away.

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)
