

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Ascension of the Lord

28th May 2017

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Private Intention

Monday [Dedication of the Church]

9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Private Intention

Wednesday [Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary]

9.00 am Charles Kempster

Thursday [St Justin, martyr]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Private Intention

Saturday [St Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs of Uganda]

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: **Fr John Joseph Dale (former parish priest); Charles Mervyn Kempster; Leslie Mulroy; George Johnson; Thomas Patrick Ward; John William Power; Edna Walsh** (anniversaries).

Please pray also for **Theodora Clarke**, who is to be baptised this afternoon, her parents and godparents.

Last Week's Collection: £416.60. Thank you.

Tomorrow is the liturgical celebration of the dedication or consecration of all churches in the archdiocese of Birmingham that have been consecrated, regardless of the actual date of consecration. A feature of the celebration is that candles are burned before the twelve consecration crosses around the walls of the church. The candles are lit also on the anniversary of the actual date of consecration, which in our case is 5th September – the church having been consecrated on 5th September 1894 – but there is no liturgical celebration.

May is a month of devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Since the whole of the month falls within the Easter season, we shall sing the Marian Easter Anthem, the *Regina Caeli*, at the end of

every Mass. If you are unsure of the words, they can be found in the hymn book, number 616.

June (which begins on Thursday) is a month of devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We shall recite the following prayer at the end of every Mass:-

Sweet Jesus, through Your tender love for the Church your Spouse, You opened to her the riches of Your Sacred Heart; grant that our hearts may be enriched by the treasures it contains and replenished with its overflowing and unfailing delights. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love of You.

*A reminder that **Church Cleaning Group A** will be meeting on Saturday at 10.30 am to undertake the cleaning of the church.*

St Lawrence's Church, Rowington, is holding an Icon Exhibition between the 11th and 17th June. See the programme in the church porch for more details.

***Celebrate**, a Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference, is being held at Oscott College on 1-2 July. For more details and booking form, please see the leaflets in the church porch.*

Another event happening in July is **REBOOT**, at which Chris Stefanick, an American speaker and author, will be leading an evening billed as 'a life-changing event', with music provided by the Mercy Tour. This will be at St Catherine of Siena, Bristol Street, Birmingham, on Monday, 17th July between 6.30 and 9.00 pm. See the poster in the church porch for details, including how to purchase tickets.

You may have seen Chris Stefanick on YouTube; he is an excellent and inspirational speaker, who presents the Catholic faith in an engaging and totally orthodox manner.
