

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Margaret Smith

### Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Emma Mayley

### Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

### Wednesday [**All Saints** *Holyday of Obligation*]

9.00 am Michael Kilcoyne

7.30 pm People of the Parish

### Thursday [**All Souls**]

9.00 am Holy Souls

*Blessing of graves in the cemetery at the end of Mass, weather permitting*

### Friday [St Winifride, virgin]

9.00 am William and Teresa Curry

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

### Saturday [St Charles Borromeo, bishop]

9.00 am Lola Campbell

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: **Helen Butterly; W. Poole; Teresa Curry; Christine Connelly; Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville** (anniversaries).

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*Last Week's Collection: £311.90. Thank you.*

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**Bible Study.** Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

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*A reminder to **Team B** that there will be church cleaning on Saturday morning.*

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**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.

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*A big **Thank you** to **Susanna Crichton** for kindly donating her sponsorship money from the Birmingham Marathon to the church and to all those who sponsored her. There is still some money to come in, but she will have raised over £750.*

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There will be a second collection at both the Sunday Masses next weekend for the **Johnson Association**, the fund for the sick and retired clergy of the diocese.

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*November is the month of the Holy Souls. The names of those whom you wish to be remembered at Mass throughout the month can be placed in the casket before the altar (from Thursday onwards); offerings can be placed in the box marked 'Holy Souls' by our Lady's altar.*

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Last week was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1967 UK Abortion Act and the Bishops Of England and Wales and of Scotland issued a statement that can be downloaded from the websites of the Bishops' Conferences.

In 2015 185,824 abortions took place in England and Wales and 12,134 in Scotland. Between 1968 and 2015 there were 7,851,143 legal abortions in England and Wales.

The bishops state that the anniversary 'provides an opportunity to lament the loss of life due to abortion and seek a change of minds and hearts about the good of the child in the womb and the care of mothers who are pregnant'.

They acknowledge that 'every abortion is a tragedy' and that 'the complex set of conditions in which a woman finds herself pregnant and may consider having an abortion may limit the exercise of freedom and diminish moral culpability', but they question the language of "choice" that dominates discourse about marriage, gender, family and abortion: 'Choice has come to mean doing whatever I feel to be right for me – a very subjective view of the good – rather than taking into account a wider set of fundamental values. This is a very inadequate understanding of free choice, which requires an education in important truth about what is truly good and the possibility of other options. In this case, these must include the good of the unborn child, care and support for pregnant mothers, and the responsibility of the father'.

The bishops call for 'a new understanding of the intrinsic value and worth of every human life in the womb, a better protection of unborn children diagnosed with a disability, a great need for education in moral responsibility about human sexuality and the meaning of sexual expression within marriage'.

Calling for respect for those in the medical profession who have conscientious objection against abortion, and thanking all those who have sought to protect unborn life and the life of the mother over the last fifty years, mothers who have continued their pregnancies in difficult circumstances, politicians who have sought to reform the legislation to better protect unborn life, and all whose prayers have been offered for greater respect to be shown to the wonder of life in the womb, for mothers and for those whose lives have been cut short by abortion, the bishops urge us to 'better cherish life'.

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