

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

18th June 2017

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Kathleen Maguire

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [St Alban, martyr]

9.00 am Private Intention

Wednesday [St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious]

9.00 am Cathal McGrory

Thursday [Ss. John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**]

9.00 am Private Intention

Saturday [**Nativity of St John the Baptist**]

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: **Sr Christina; Bernard Gaynor; Catherine Forster; Dora Wainwright; Monica Pippet; Sr M. Paula; Eden Angelica Bennett** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £331.90. Thank you.

Please note that there will be an appeal and second collection on behalf of the **St Barnabas Society** at the Sunday Masses next weekend. Since we are supposed to have the Peter's Pence collection at the Masses that weekend, we will have it instead at both the Masses on the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Thursday 29th June, which is a holyday of obligation.

June 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.

***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.

Corpus Christi is the most solemn feast of the Church. The Church is the Bride of our Lord in His risen glory, not of Jesus Christ at His birth or His death; when these last two mysteries took place the Church was not yet in existence. Of course, she follows her divine Bridegroom to the Crib and accompanies Him in His sufferings, but of these mysteries she has only the remembrance and the grace.

But Jesus Christ lives with His Church in His Sacrament. People who have never set foot inside one of her churches think she is widowed. They look upon her as a corpse, and upon her temples as places where only death and suffering are spoken of. But today the very ones who never attend her solemn festivals will see her in all her wealth and beauty, in a natural attractiveness which God her Bridegroom will enhance with His presence. What magnificence in the processions as they pass by! What reverence in the faithful as they kneel down! The Church shows to everyone her Bridegroom in the radiant monstrance. Ah! Who today will presume to say she is widowed? Her friends are in adoration and her enemies tremble. Jesus shows Himself to all men; He gives His blessing to the good; He looks on sinners with compassion; He calls them and draws them to Himself. The Council of Trent calls this feast the triumph of faith, and rightly so. It is also the triumph of the Church through her divine Bridegroom.

St Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868)