

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Intentions of Betty and Jim Wattrus

Monday [**Baptism of the Lord**]

9.00 am                  Dominic Gregson

*End of the Christmas Season*

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am                  Holy Souls

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am                  Intentions of Kevin and Peter McCarthy

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am                  Marjorie Parsons

Friday [St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot]

9.00 am                  Private Intention

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

Saturday [St Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church]

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: **James Goddard Pinchem; Kenneth Carter; Sr M. Francis; Sr M. Philippa; Ronald Smith; Mary Smith; Frederick Charles Gray** (anniversaries)

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*Last Week's Collection: £,249.70. Thank you.*

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Copies of the 2018 edition of the Diocesan Year Book are available at the back of church, price £3.50

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*The **Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.*

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Our annual Parish Finance Meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. This is an opportunity to examine the accounts for the last year and the state of our finances and to review our expenditure during the coming year. Everyone is welcome.

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## **Proclamation of the moveable Feasts of the Year**

[traditionally made on the Solemnity of the Epiphany]

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of our salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his crucifixion, his burial and rising, celebrated between the evening of the twenty-ninth of March and the dawn of the first of April. Every Sunday, as in a weekly Easter, holy Church makes present that great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter come forth and are reckoned all the days we keep holy: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, on the fourteenth of February; the Ascension of the Lord on the tenth of May; and Pentecost, the close of the Easter season, on the twentieth of May; the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, on the thirty-first of May (transferred in England and Wales to the third of June); the first Sunday of Advent on the second of December.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of the Lord in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. The titular solemnity of this church, dedicated to St Francis of Assisi, will be celebrated on the fourth of October, and the anniversary of its consecration on the fifth of September (celebrated on the twenty-ninth of May).

To Christ who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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