

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

21st January 2018

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Intentions of Sr Mary Carroll

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Michael McCarthy

Tuesday [St Nicholas Owen, religious, martyr]

9.00 am Joseph Cassidy

Wednesday [St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church]

9.00 am Private Intention

Thursday [Conversion of St Paul]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops]

9.00 am Private Intention

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

Saturday [Feria (of Our Lady)]

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: **Doris Ward; Michael McCarthy; Eva Spink; John Spencer; John William Butterley** (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £464.78. Thank you.

On Tuesday, scaffolding will be erected both outside and inside the church so that the three lancet windows above the organ can be removed, taken away and re-leded. The window enclosures will be boarded up.

This should not cause any inconvenience to worshippers, although on Tuesday itself access to Mass might be via the side church, depending on when the scaffolders arrive.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

Next weekend at both Sunday Masses there will be an appeal on behalf of the foreign missions made by a Comboni Missionary (Verona Father).

Our annual Parish Finance Meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday, 4th 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.

At the creation God commanded the plants to bear fruit each according to its kind and he likewise commands Christians, the living branches of the vine, to bear fruit by practising devotion according to their state in life.

The practice of devotion must differ for the gentleman and the artisan, the servant and the prince, for widow, young girl or wife. Further, it must be adapted to their particular strength, circumstances and duties.

Is the solitary life of a Carthusian suited to a bishop? Should those who are married practise the poverty of a Capuchin? If workmen spent as much time in church as religious, if religious were exposed to the same pastoral cares as a bishop, such devotion would be ridiculous and cause intolerable disorder.

Yet this foolish mistake is often made. True devotion never causes harm, but rather perfects everything we do; a devotion which conflicts with one's state of life is undoubtedly false....

It is not only erroneous, but a heresy, to hold that life in the army, the workshop, the court, or the home is incompatible with devotion. Purely contemplative, monastic or religious devotion cannot be practised in these callings; yet, these are not the only kinds of devotion; there are many others suitable for those who live in the world and capable of leading them to perfection.

Wherever we find ourselves, we not only may, but should, seek perfection.

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
