

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)

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## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Francis Murray

Monday [Mary, Mother of God]

10.00 am Denis McCarthy

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

Tuesday [St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church]

9.00 am The Powell Family

Wednesday [Most Holy Name of Jesus]

9.00 am Peter Harris/18 Squadron 1939

Thursday [Feria in Christmastide]

9.00 am Jim Horan

Friday [Feria in Christmastide]

9.00 am Welfare of Jayne and Morwenna

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

Saturday [Feria in Christmastide]

9.00 am Tommy Cardell

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: **George Plumbley;**  
**Constance Coduri** (anniversaries)  
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*Last Week's Collection: £,502.60. Thank you.*  
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Fr Sharp would like to thank you for the good wishes, cards and gifts he received and for the generous Christmas Offering.

Thank you also to those who have decorated the church so beautifully, to the servers, the readers, the flower providers and arrangers, those who clean the church and altar linen, and to all who have contributed in any way to the liturgy, the upkeep and maintenance of the church and the life of the parish throughout the past year – your hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

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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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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.

Last November, it was reported that we were hoping to restore the Calvary War Memorial in the cemetery before the end of the centenary of the First World War. The lowest quote came in at just over £22,000. An application for a grant has been made to the War Memorials Trust and we should hear by mid-February if it has been successful.

Just before Christmas a report on the three stained glass windows in the three lancet windows at the west end of the church revealed that they will need to be removed and completely re-leaded at a cost of £6,750. To this must be added an extra £3,000 for the scaffolding both on the inside and the outside of the church to allow access.

In addition, 2018 will see the parish (via the diocese) pursuing a legal case against the past and possibly the present developers of the convent site, which is bound to have financial ramifications.

So, the coming year is going to be difficult and challenging, and we must consider how we are going to pay for everything in addition to our normal items of expenditure. More to follow!

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