

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

6th May 2018

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving

Monday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Margaret Patterson

Tuesday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Patricia Dolan

Wednesday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Bob Walley

Thursday [Ascension of the Lord *Holyday of Obligation*]

9.00 am People of the Parish

7.30 pm Celebrant's Intentions

Friday [Feria in Eastertide]

9.00 am Sophie

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

Saturday [Feria in Eastertide]

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: **Patricia Dolan; Jack Perkins; George Francis Morrison; Ivy Smallwood** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £298.45. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

The parish website has had a make-over and has a new url. To access it, go to www.sfachurch.org.uk

Over 200 people from the archdiocese have booked to attend the Eucharistic Congress *Adoremus* in Liverpool in September, but it is not too late to be part. A number of tickets are still available for the Saturday, when the focus will be the meaning and power of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please visit the diocesan website,

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk for the full programme and a booking form for the Saturday.

May is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Throughout the month, at the end of every Mass, we shall recite the following prayer, which dates from the third century and is the oldest known prayer to Our Lady:-

We fly to thy Patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Today Jesus Christ our Lord went up to heaven: let our hearts go up with him.

Listen to the words of Saint Paul: 'If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.' Just as he ascended without leaving us, so too we are already with him in heaven, although his promises have not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now raised above the heavens; but he still experiences on earth whatever sufferings we his members feel...

Why then do we not exert ourselves on earth so as to be happy with him already in heaven through the faith, hope and charity which unite us with him? Christ, while in heaven, is also with us; and we, while on earth, are also with him. He is with us in his godhead and his power and his love; and we, though we cannot be with him in godhead as he is with us, can be with him in our love, our love for him.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us from heaven; and he did not leave us when he ascended to heaven again.

From a sermon of St Augustine of Hippo