

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Pentecost (B)

20th May 2018

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	Billy and Patricia
Sunday	9.30 am	People of the Parish

End of the Season of Easter

Monday [Mary, Mother of the Church]

9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [Feria]

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Wednesday [Feria]

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Thursday [Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor of the Church]

9.00 am Private Intention

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

Saturday [St Philip Neri, priest]

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: **James William Clement Weetman; Bertram Alexander; Jenefer Williams; Henry Chinn** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £404.30. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

There are two new feasts are being observed this year. The first, the obligatory memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, has been instituted by Pope Francis to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost. The second, the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, is already observed in some parts of the world on the Thursday after Pentecost, and has now been extended to England and Wales.

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.

The office of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life is to reveal and make present Jesus Christ to us. The Spirit unveils new aspects of our Lord. Christ, as disclosed by the Spirit after Pentecost, cannot be merely identified with the historical Jesus: 'Though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more' (2 Co. 5:16). Christ in glory and power, Christ whose mystical body is ever growing, the Christ of the Spirit, has replaced the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53, though the bruises of the Servant remain eternally actual, offered and saving... In His members, Christ is mystically in agony. But the Head of the Body is the resplendent source of all light and strength.

From the writings of a monk of the Eastern Church
