

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

20th January 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	Frank Lavine
Sunday	9.30 am	People of the Parish

Monday [St Agnes, virgin and martyr]
9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [Feria]
9.00 am Michael McCarthy

Wednesday [St Nicholas Owen, religious]
9.00 am Private Intention

Thursday [St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church]
9.00 am Norman Hart

Friday [Conversion of St Paul; *Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends*]
9.00 am Dennis Ashley
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am

Saturday [Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops]
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: **Fr Edward Kirner (former parish priest); Enid Lockyer; Doris War; Michael McCarthy; Eva Spink; John Spencer** (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £287.22. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

The annual Parish Finance Meeting will take place after Mass next Sunday. This is an opportunity to look at our income and expenditure for the past year and to assess the state of our finances. Everyone is welcome.

The last copy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Directory 2019 is on sale at the back of church; price £3.50. Hurry to secure it before it is snapped up by someone else!

Important Notice for EU Citizens

If you are a citizen of a country in the European Union and wish to remain in the United Kingdom after Brexit, you must apply for settled status; without this, your right to stay in the UK is not guaranteed. The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. To access information, go to www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families; information resources are available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit.

The scheme does not apply to Irish citizens.

If you know of anyone who is an EU citizen and may not have access to this information, please make them aware.

Let us together with his disciples follow the Lord as he goes there, so that seeing that which he is about to do, we may also with them believe in him. ‘And the wine failing, the Mother of Jesus said to him: “They have no wine.”’ She, most kind and compassionate, has pity on their embarrassment. But from that source of tenderness what could flow but compassion? What wonder, I say, if that compassionate heart should show such tender consideration? For should not anyone hold sweet smelling fruit in his hand for half the day, will not the fragrance of it linger there for the remaining half? How much, therefore, did the power of love effect that heart where he rested for nine months? And it filled her soul before it filled her womb: and leaving the womb departed not from her heart.

The answer of our Lord could seem stern and unfeeling: but he knew to whom he was speaking: and who it was that spoke she also knew. And that you may know in what manner she received his answer, or how great was her confidence in the compassion of her son, she says, ‘Whatever he tells you to do, do it.’

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) , *On the Six Watering Pots*, 2
