

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Albert and Catherine Lees

Monday [St Thomas Aquinas, bishop, doctor of the Church]  
9.00 am Well-being of Mary Loughram

Tuesday [Feria]  
9.00 am James Quinn

Wednesday [Feria]  
9.00 am Fr Mortimer Loftus

Thursday [St John Bosco, priest]  
9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Feria]  
9.00 am Joan White  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am*

Saturday [Presentation of the Lord - Candlemass]  
9.00 am Edwin Parsons

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: **John William Butterly; Mary Smith; Catherine Hedges; Fr Mortimer Loftus (former parish priest); Mildred Plumbey; Florence Mary Ryan; James Michael Lewthwaite** (anniversaries)

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*Last Week's Collection: £543.73. Thank you.*

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Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

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*The annual Parish Finance Meeting will take place after Mass today.*

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Next weekend, at both Sunday Masses, there will be a second collection for the work of **LIFE** in the archdiocese.

Please note that there will be a Mission Appeal the following weekend, i.e. 9/10<sup>th</sup> February.

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***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 had just launched 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](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families); information resources are available at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit).*

*The government announced last week that the fees which previously applied to the scheme have now been abolished, so that application will be free.*

***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.*

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We must serve God both by external acts and by internal acts. We are possessed of a double nature, we are intellectual beings and sentient beings also. We should therefore offer to God a double adoration – a spiritual adoration, consisting in the interior devotion of the mind, and a bodily adoration made up of the external humiliation of the body. And since in all acts done in acknowledgement that God is God the external acts depend on the internal – for the internal act is the more important – so the external acts of adoration are done for the sake of the internal adoration. That is to say, by our gestures of humility that we are moved to subject ourselves to God in our inclinations and our will. This is due to our nature being what it is, for it is natural to man to proceed to things that can only be known through the intelligence from the starting point of things seen, felt, heard and known by the senses.

So, just as prayer has its origin in something in the mind, and is only in the second place expressed in words, adoration also consists, primarily and in its origin, in an internal reverence of God and only secondarily in certain bodily signs that we are humbling ourselves: such bodily signs, for example, as genuflections to show our weakness by comparison with God, or prostrations to show that we are nothing of ourselves.

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St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)