

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

3rd February 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	Martin McGivern
Sunday	9.30 am	People of the Parish

Second Collection for LIFE

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Mary Canning

Tuesday [St Agatha, virgin and martyr]

9.00 am Frank Grace

Wednesday [St Paul Miki and Companion Martyrs of Japan]

9.00 am Welfare of Chrissie Matthews

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am Diane and Stephen Ennis

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Domini Allday
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am

Saturday [Feria (of Our Lady)]

9.00 am Marjorie Parsons

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Isabel Loftus; John William Pincham; Sr Damien** (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £335.96. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

*Please note that there will be a **Mission Appeal and Second Collection** at the Sunday Masses next weekend.*

It would be a kindness if all Christmas wreaths could be removed from graves in the churchyard before the end of February and preferably disposed of off-site. After this date,

they will be removed without further notice.

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; information resources are available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit.

The government announced recently 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.

There comes to mind what the bystanders said derisively of the crucified Son of God: 'If he is the king of Israel, let him come down from the cross, and we will believe him.' If he had yielded to their derision, and come down then from the cross, he would not have demonstrated to us the virtue of patience. Instead, he waited for a while; he endured their taunts, he bore with their mockery, he preserved his patience, he deferred their esteem, and he who did not will to come down from the cross rose from the sepulchre.

Rising from the tomb was a greater thing than coming down from the cross. Destroying death by rising from the dead was a greater thing than preserving life by descending from the cross. When the bystanders saw that he was not coming down from the cross at their derisive remarks, when they saw him dying, they believed they had prevailed. They rejoiced as if they had consigned his name to oblivion. But see how his name has increased throughout the world, how the multitude which rejoiced over his slaying now grieves over his death! They perceive that it is through his suffering that Christ has arrived at glory.

Pope St Gregory the Great (c.540-604)
