

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

10th February 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Steven Botterill

Mission Appeal and Second Collection

Monday [Our Lady of Lourdes]

9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Stephen Troth and Sheri Ekladios

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Thursday [St Cyril, monk, and St Methodius, bishop, patrons of Europe]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Feria]

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

Saturday [Feria]

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: **Magdalen Bright; Barbara Service; Neville Poole; Sr M. Rose** (anniversaries)

Welcome to one of the Columban Fathers, who will be making the Mission Appeal.

Last Week's Collection: £402.47. Second Collection: £124.10. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

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.

The reason for missionary activity lies in the will of God, ‘who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one god and one Mediator between God and men, himself a man, Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all’ [1 Tim. 2:4-5], ‘neither is there salvation in any other’ [Acts 4:12]. Everyone, therefore, ought to be converted to Christ, who is known through the preaching of the Church, and they ought, by baptism, to become incorporated into him and into his Church which is his body. Christ himself explicitly asserted the necessity of faith and baptism, [cf. Mark 16:16; Jn 3:5], and thereby affirmed at the same time the necessity of the Church, which men enter through baptism as through a door. Hence those cannot be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded through Jesus Christ, by God, as something necessary, still refuse to enter it, or to remain in it. So, although in ways known to himself God can lead those who, through no fault of their own, are ignorant of the Gospel to that faith without which it is impossible to please him [Heb. 11:6], the Church, nevertheless, still has the obligation and also the sacred right to evangelize. And so today, as always, missionary activity retains its full force and necessity.

Vatican II, Decree on the Church’s Missionary Activity, *Ad Gentes Divinitus*, § 7
