

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

3rd March 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.30 am | Lucy Orme |

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| Second Collection for the Maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral |
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Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Lawrence Murray

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Hilda and Arthur Poole

Ash Wednesday

9.00 am Private Intention
7.30 pm Welfare of a sick person
Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at both Masses

Thursday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Sr Felicity's Intentions

Friday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Peter McCarthy
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday [Lenten 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: **Hans Bammel;**
Mignon Cope; Marie Devaney (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £435.72. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

The new sets of Offertory Envelopes are available at the back of church. If you currently do not have a set, and would like to use this way of contributing regularly to church funds, please have a word with Fr Sharp.

However you donate, thank you for your contributions over the past financial year. As we enter a new financial year, please give serious thought to consider increasing what you give. If you pay tax, even on your pension or savings, please gift aid your contributions.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 25th and 31st May. Information leaflets and booking form are available in the church porch or can be downloaded from the diocesan website, www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

If you would like to volunteer, especially if you are medically qualified, or if you know someone who is sick and would benefit from the pilgrimage, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at Cathedral House.

Velo Birmingham & West Midlands is a 100-mile cycling event due to take place on Sunday, 12th May. Parts of Chadwick End and the whole of Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, will be closed to traffic on the day between 7.15 am and 3.45 pm. This means that if, like the majority of parishioners, you come to Sunday Mass by car, you will not be allowed access and should consider coming to the Saturday evening Mass as an alternative. Although the event is some time in the future, and reminders will be made nearer the date, you might appreciate this early warning.

The Season of Lent begins this week: 'Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance' [*Universal norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 27].

The faithful are to be encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and fruitful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. They are to be clearly reminded that both according to the law and tradition, they should approach the sacrament of penance during this season, so that with purified heart they may participate in the paschal mysteries' [*Ceremonial of Bishops*, 251].
