

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Fourth Sunday of Lent [Laetare] (C)

31st March 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Francis Murray

Monday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Wednesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Well-being of Richard Rice

Thursday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Well-being of James Jeffries

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 Sr Felicity's Intentions

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Mary Winifred Pincham; Frederic Kennedy; Elsie O'Sullivan; Maureen Elizabeth Scull; Louis William Whitacre; Robert Campbell; Stanley Mills** (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £380.82. Thank you.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of flowers to decorate the church at Easter, please put your contribution on the plate at the back of church.

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.

The path in the old cemetery (to the right of the church porch) will be renewed this week, weather permitting; access to that part of the cemetery will be severely restricted until the work is complete and access to the graves may not be possible.

Decoration of the Church. As previously announced, it is hoped to decorate the church early next year in preparation for the 150th anniversary of its opening on 4th October 1870. Much thought has gone into a decorative scheme and final designs are being put together. At the back of church are printouts of the designs for the sanctuary, together with some watercolour sketches which give an idea of colouring.

Fr Sharp is happy to explain the thinking behind the designs and the imagery at a parish meeting at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 24th April. In the meantime, please take a look and let him have your thoughts.

O wondrous power of the cross! O unspeakable glory of the passion which became the Lord's tribunal, the world's judgement, and the power of the Crucified. From Your cross You draw all things to Yourself, O Lord! When You stretched out Your hands to an unbelieving people that mocked You, the whole world was finally brought to confess Your majesty.... In this way type gave way to truth, prophecy to revelation, the ancient law to the gospel. You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, so that what previously was performed in the one temple of the Jews in mystic signs is now celebrated everywhere by holy men in every country in revealing rites... Your cross is the font of all blessings, the source of all graces, and through it believers receive strength in return for weakness, glory in return for shame, life in return for death.

Pope St Leo the Great (c.440-461)
