

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

21st July 2019

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Mr and Mrs Connelly

Monday [St Mary Magdalene]

9.00 am Intentions of Kevin McCarthy and Family

Tuesday [St Bridget, religious, patron of Europe]

9.00 am Kathleen McCarthy

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Arthur and Gertie Treanor

Thursday [St James, apostle]

9.00 am People of the Parish (JF)

Friday [Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary]

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

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **William Pilley; William Nolan; Dolly Mince** (anniversaries).

Last Week's Collection: £301.35. Second Collection: £69.90. Thank you.

Inspection of the stone bellcote above the former Sisters' Choir has shown that the top courses of stone are leaning towards the roof. It is probable that the cramps used to hold the stone together have corroded, causing them to expand and thus lift the stone. The top courses of stone will need to be dismantled and the cramps replaced with stainless steel; any damaged stone will be repaired and defective joints repointed.

The cost of this, together with scaffolding, is likely to be in the region of £10,000.

This is a prime example of the problems associated with a building that is 150 years old. Routine maintenance is costly enough, but every time we have a quinquennial (five-yearly) inspection, new problems are highlighted and have to be addressed. Some of them demand

action because of changing legislation. For example, we are now required by law to have a legionella risk assessment. Some issues that have been flagged up in the past can no longer be shelved. For example, the height of the organ loft balustrade does not comply with Health and Safety directives. The balustrade will have to be extended, but in a way that is aesthetically acceptable and in keeping with the original design. It is hoped this work will be undertaken in the near future.

There is a constant balancing act between doing what is necessary, if only to avoid further, costly problems in the future, and putting off matters in the hope that they will not deteriorate.

We have beautiful buildings and grounds and a collective responsibility to maintain and enhance them with limited financial resources.