

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Trevor Williams

Monday [Blessed Dominic Barberi, priest, religious]  
9.00 am Intentions of Ida O'Brien

Tuesday [St Monica]  
9.00 am Special Intention (L.K.)

Wednesday [St Augustine, bishop, doctor of the Church]  
9.00 am Norma Howie

Thursday [Beheading of St John the Baptist]  
9.00 am Peter Parsons

Friday [Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, martyrs]  
9.00 am Welfare of Julie  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass until 10.00 am*

Saturday [St Bartholomew, apostle]  
9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Thomas Poole; Anthony Chinn; John Cooley; Ella Cusack; Yvonne Emily Crossley; Catherine Maud Conner; Monica Tompkins** (anniversaries).

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*Last Week's Collection: £375.00. Thank you.*

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You may have noticed some large holes by the path in the cemetery that have tubing protruding from them. These are the first stage in the provision of external lighting bollards. It is hoped that the work will be concluded early next month.

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When the day was approaching on which she was to depart this life....my mother said: 'Son, for my own part I no longer find joy in anything in this world. What I am still to do here and why I am here I know not, now that I no longer hope for anything from this world. One

thing there was, that I should see you a Catholic Christian before I died. This God has granted me in superabundance, in that I now see you his servant to the contempt of a all worldly happiness. What then am I doing here?

What answer I made, I do not clearly remember; within five days or not so much longer she fell into a fever. And in her sickness, one day she fainted away and for the moment lost consciousness. We ran to her but she quickly regained consciousness, and seeing by brother and me standing by her she said as one wondering: 'Where was I?' Then looking closely upon us as we stood wordless in our grief, she said, 'Here you will bury your mother.' I stayed silent and checked my weeping. But my brother said something to the effect that he would be happier if she were to die in her own land and not in a strange country. But as she heard this she looked at him anxiously, restraining him with her eyes because he savoured of earthly things, and then she looked at me and said: 'Seethe way he talks.' And then she said to us both: 'Lay this body wherever it may be. Let no care of it disturb you: this only I ask of you that you should remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you be.' And when she had uttered this wish in such words as she could manage, she fell silent as her sickness took hold of her more strongly.

From the *Confessions* of St Augustine of Hippo, describing the death of his mother, St Monica