

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Holy Family (A)

29<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Fr Gerry Breen

Monday [Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas]

9.00 am Powell Family

Tuesday [Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave]

9.00 am Kevin McCarthy's Intentions

Wednesday [**Mary, Mother of God**]

10.00 am Mr and Mrs Frost

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

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Thursday [St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church]

9.00 am Fr John Ellis

Friday [Most Holy Name of Jesus]

9.00 am Fr Brian Doolan

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

Saturday [Feria in Christmastide]

9.00 am Fr John Dewis

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died.  
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*Last Week's Collection: £339.58. Thank you.*  
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Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully, to the servers, the readers, the flower arrangers and providers, those who clean the church and altar linen, and all who have contributed in any way to the liturgy, the upkeep and maintenance of the church and grounds and the life of the parish throughout the past year – your work and dedication is much appreciated.  
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*Fr Sharp would like to thank you for the good wishes, cards and gifts he received and for the generous Christmas Offering; he is most grateful.*

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2020 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the present church of St Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1870. The archbishop will be coming to celebrate Mass with us on the day of the anniversary. Meanwhile, we are embarking on a major scheme of decoration and restoration, including the re-building of the organ. You may have noticed that already work has begun in the baptistery, and work will begin in earnest on the rest of the church in the week beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January.

From that date, the church will be out of use and we shall move into the former Sisters' Choir for all Masses and liturgical events; entrance will be by the side door of the church leading to the servers' sacristy. We shall be out of the church for six months or more, depending on progress.

After Mass on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season, we shall need to remove and put away all the Christmas decorations and remove from the church all furniture, statues, etc. If you were able to come along at 2 pm on that day and help with this task, it would be a great help.

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*During the past year the parish has paid to the diocese £8,990.84 in levies. Next year, we have been assessed for £14,291.48, based on our 'Ordinary Income' for 2018. The Offertory Collections for 2018 were £25,839; we received £5,313 in gift-aid on the previous tax year's claim and £17,256 from dividends on the money we have invested in the diocesan unit scheme as a result of the sale of the Old School.*

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