

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9th February 2020

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions

Monday [St Scholastica, virgin]

9.00 am William Collins

Tuesday [Our Lady of Lourdes]

9.00 am Patricia June O'Keefe

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Rita Delaney

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Sue Slater

Friday [St Cyril, monk, and St Methodius, bishop, patrons of Europe]

9.00 am Intentions of the McCarthy Family

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

Saturday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Magdalen Bright; Barbara Service; Neville Poole; Sr M. Rose** (anniversaries)

Last Week's Collection: £283.35. Thank you.

It would be a kindness if all Christmas wreaths could be removed from graves, and preferably disposed of off-site, before the end of February. Thereafter, they will be removed without further notice.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between the 23rd and the 29th of May. There are brochures and application forms available in the servers' sacristy. Further information and enquiries about sick pilgrims can be obtained from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. Admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Progress report on the church renovation – the ceilings of the porch and baptistery have now been painted and stenciled, the nave ceiling has also been painted and the work on stenciling has begun; this has to be completed in the next fortnight before the scaffolding is dismantled. Work has also begun on transferring of the large-scale drawings of the iconographical scheme onto the walls of the sanctuary. So, after one month, there is good progress and all is on schedule.

This is the Gospel of the primal light,
The first beginning, and the fruitful end,
The soaring glory of an eagle's flight,
The quiet touch of a beloved friend.
This is the Gospel of our transformation,
Water to wine and grain to living bread,
Blindness to sight and sorrow to elation,
And Lazarus himself back from the dead!
This is the Gospel of all inner meaning,
The heart of heaven opened to the earth,
A gentle friend on Jesus' bosom leaning,
And Nicodemus offered a new birth.
No need to search the heavens high above,
Come close with John, and feel the pulse of Love.

Malcolm Guite