

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

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Jesus tells his disciples, 'I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.' He is present to us and among us as the Spirit of Truth, who guides us into the fullness of truth. His ascension into heaven is the prelude to the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who is the bond of love between the Father and the Son and who gathers us into that communion of love, for as Jesus tells us in another phrase from today's gospel reading, 'you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.'

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## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30 am People of the Parish

### Monday [Easter Feria]

9.00 am Intentions of Christian and Jo Jones

### Tuesday [St Dunstan, bishop]

9.00 am Private Intention

### Wednesday [St Bernadine of Siena, priest, religious]

9.00 am Private Intention

### Thursday [**Ascension of the Lord**]

9.00 am People of the Parish

### Friday [Easter Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

### Saturday [Easter Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **James William Clement Weetman; Bertram Alexander; Jenefer Williams** (anniversaries).

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*May is a month of special devotion to our Blessed Lady. You might like to recite this prayer, the oldest known prayer to Mary, which will be said at the end of every Mass during the month:-*

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right.  
the King of kings and Lord of lords  
and heaven's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace is given;  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)