

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

Fr John Sharp

[www.sfachurch.org.uk](http://www.sfachurch.org.uk)

01564 782498

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday            **No Saturday evening Mass at present**  
Sunday             9.30 am             People of the Parish

Monday [St Cedd, bishop]

9.00 am             Phyllis Kempster

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am             Private Intention

Wednesday [Ss Simon and Jude, apostles]

9.00 am             Private Intention

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am             Private Intention

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am             Private Intention

Saturday [Feria (of our Lady)]

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: **Phyllis Kempster; Helen Chinn; Sr M. Agnes; Helen Butterly; W. Poole** (anniversaries)

---

*Please pray also for **Nathan Myers** and **Estelle Crichton**, who are to be married here on Saturday, and to whom we offer our congratulations and best wishes for their married life together.*

---

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints, followed on Monday by All Souls, when we usually bless the graves in the cemetery at the end of Mass. Because of current restrictions, this will not take place this year. Similarly, on the following Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, we will have a short act of remembrance inside the church at the end of Mass rather than outside at the Calvary War Memorial.

Looking further afield to Christmas, we have usually had the First Mass of Christmas at 8.00 pm on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass at 9.30 am. Both are usually well attended. This year we cannot accommodate the numbers we usually have because of social distancing, although many who usually attend will, for various reasons, probably not do so this year, but we may still have a problem if numbers exceed capacity. It may be sensible to put on an extra

Mass, either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, i.e. **either** 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Christmas Eve with 9.30 am on Christmas Day **or** 8.00 pm on Christmas Eve and 9.30 am and 11.00 am on Christmas Day. Please give some thought to this over the next week or so and let Fr Sharp have your thoughts.

---

There are more people on this planet outside the Church than inside it. Millions have been baptised, millions have not. Millions participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, but millions do not.

The Church as the body of Christ, as Christ living in the world, has a larger mission than to support, nurture and guide its own members. It is also called to be a witness to the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus. Before his death Jesus prayed for his followers: 'As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.' (John 17:18). Part of the essence of being the Church is being a witness for Christ in the world,

How does the Church witness to Christ in the world? First and foremost by giving visibility to Jesus; love for the poor and the weak. In a world so hungry for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and most of all unconditional love, the Church must alleviate that hunger through its ministry. Whenever we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, listen to those who are rejected, and bring unity and peace to those who are divided, we proclaim the living Christ, whether we speak about him or not.

It is important that whatever we do and wherever we go, we remain in the Name of Jesus, who sent us. Outside his Name our ministry will lose its divine energy.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

**Please do not share this bulletin with anyone outside your family**

**Please take this bulletin home with you**