

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Please note that during the National Lockdown, all public Masses are suspended. Mass is still offered each day by the parish priest at the times and for the intentions listed below.**

**The church will be open for personal prayer on Wednesday between 2.00 and 3.00 pm, but will remain closed at all other times.**

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday            **No Saturday evening Mass at present**  
Sunday             9.30 am            Dead of War

Monday [Dedication of the Lateran Basilica]  
9.00 am             People of the Parish

Tuesday [St Leo the Great, pope, doctor of the Church]  
9.00 am             Pauline Swann

Wednesday [St Martin of Tours, bishop]  
9.00 am             Sr Felicity's Intentions  
**2.00-3.00 pm    Church open for private prayer**

Thursday [St Josaphat, bishop and martyr]  
9.00 am             Michael Buckley

Friday [Feria]  
9.00 am             David Maddocks

Saturday [Feria (of Our Lady)]  
9.00 am             Holy Souls

Confessions:    **No Confessions at present**

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Ernald Smith; Cecilia Spencer; Sr Francesca; John Hardeman** (anniversaries)

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*November is the month of the Holy Souls. The names of those whom you wish to be remembered at Mass throughout the month can be placed in the casket before the altar; any lists and Mass offerings can be posted through the presbytery letter box.*

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It is almost impossible to plan for Christmas at the present time. A few people have responded to previous posts about putting on an extra Mass on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to accommodate as many people as possible and allow for social distancing, but unfortunately the responses were evenly divided between which it should be!

The simplest solution might be to ask people to book in advance a place at the Christmas Mass they wish to attend and this would give us a clearer idea of demand. Obviously, this exercise cannot be undertaken until we are out of lockdown – which, of course, is just shelving the problem!

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Anyone who has a true devotion to the passion of the Lord must so contemplate Jesus on the cross with the eyes of his heart that Jesus' flesh is his own...

The victory of the cross is denied to none of the weak; there is no man who cannot be helped by the prayer of Christ. For if his prayer aided the multitudes who raged against him, how much more does it help those who turn to him?

Ignorance has been taken away, difficulties have been made easier, the sacred blood of Christ has extinguished the flaming sword which blocked the way to life. The darkness of the former night has given way to the true light.

The Christian people are invited to share the riches of paradise, and the road back to the fatherland they lost has been thrown open ponce more to all who have been reborn, unless anyone closes for himself that way which the faith of the thief was able to open up.

The activities of this present life must not fill us with anxiety or pride, so that we do not strive with all the powers of our soul to be conformed to our Redeemer in the way that he showed us. He performed and suffered everything necessary for our salvation, so that the power that was in the head might also be found in the body.

From a sermon of Pope St Leo the Great (440-460)