

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15<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	<b>No Saturday evening Mass at present</b>	
Sunday	9.30 am	People of the Parish

Monday [St Edmund of Abingdon, bishop]  
9.00 am Patricia Taggart

Tuesday [St Hilda, abbess]  
9.00 am Intentions of Betty and Jim Wattrus

Wednesday [Feria]  
9.00 am Mother Ann Magdalen Fee  
**2.00-3.00 pm Church open for private prayer**

Thursday [Feria]  
9.00 am Deceased Family and Friends of the Horgan Family

Friday [Feria]  
9.00 am Agnes Pomfret

Saturday [Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary]  
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: **Eugene Devoti; Mary Elizabeth Turner; John Chinn** (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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God did not make the first man because he needed company, but because he wanted someone to whom he could show his generosity and love.

God did not tell us to follow him because he needed our help but because he knew that serving him would make us whole.

Our work for God – our service – adds nothing to his power or his achievements. He does not need anything we can give him, not even our obedience.

But that does not mean that our work and service for him is meaningless or without value. God has promised to those who serve and follow him, immortality and eternal glory. These rewards are specifically for servants who actually serve, and followers who actually follow. Their service and their following please him and enrich them, but God himself derives no other advantage from them, because he is complete in himself and lacks nothing.

St Irenaeus of Lyons (c.130-c.202)