

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

17th January 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

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

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Betty Wattrus

Tuesday [St Wulstan, bishop]

9.00 am Rena Murray

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Thursday [St Agnes, virgin and martyr]

9.00 am Denis McCarthy

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am Michael McCarthy

Saturday [St Nicholas Owen, religious, martyr]

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: **Albert Lees; Fr Edward Kirner (former parish priest); Enid Lockyer; Doris Ward; Michael McCarthy; Eva Spink** (anniversaries)

The Income and Expenditure Summary for 2020 is available. If you would like a copy, please email sfa.bc@outlook.com and it will be sent to you. Hard copies are also available on request.

The Christian life begins and ends with just two qualities: faith, which is the beginning, and love, which is the goal. And they are attributes of God himself. All that makes for holiness flows from them, for no one who wholly believes will commit sin, and no one who wholly loves can feel hatred.

We recognise a tree by its fruit, and we ought to be able to recognise a Christian by his actions. The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than a matter of making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways. Indeed, it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs, and live them out, than to talk eloquently

about what we believe but fail to live by it. Of course, it is commendable to teach the Christian faith to others, but only if the instructor is practising what he preaches. After all, the perfect Teacher, whose word carried miraculous power, also spoke eloquently by his silences. It is very revealing to see how often Jesus said nothing, but by his behaviour or his attitude – or simply by the force of his own personality – achieved the perfect result. That is a mark of spiritual maturity – to know when to speak, but also when to be silent.

St Ignatius of Antioch (c.35-c.107 A.D.)