

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)

21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

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

### Monday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am             Private Intention

### Tuesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am             Private Intention

### Wednesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am             Isobel Eustace

### Thursday [Annunciation of the Lord]

9.00 am             Cris Casey

### Friday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am             Nan Quinn

7.00 pm             Stations of the Cross

### Saturday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am             Private Intention

Confessions:    Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Timothy Francis O'Sullivan; Veronica Devon** (anniversaries)

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*We continue the custom of veiling statues and crucifixes as we move into the final two weeks of Lent. Given the new murals, it will, of course, be impossible to cover them.*

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Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and although there will not be the usual outdoor procession, palms will be distributed individually as you enter the church and will be blessed in a simple rite. The shorter version of the Passion Gospel will be read.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday will be at 7.30 pm, but no Altar of Repose is allowed this year.

The Liturgy of Good Friday will be at 3.00 pm, and there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm.

There will not be an Easter Vigil this year. Instead, there will be two Masses on Easter

Sunday, at 9.30 and 11.00 am. There will be the Renewal of Baptismal Promises at these Masses, but individual candles will not be distributed.

After Easter, we will look at the possibility of resuming the Saturday evening Mass, but only if the numbers who attend the Sunday morning Mass look set to reach or exceed our present capacity of 40; at present, they are averaging 25.

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*Normally, at this time of the year, the offertory envelopes for the next financial year are available for collection. Since the majority of people who have had envelopes in the past have kindly taken out standing orders with their bank, we are now dispensing with the envelopes altogether at the end of this financial year, which coincides with Easter Day. When Mass returns to a normal pattern, we will probably continue with the present arrangement of a plate at the back of church on which people can place their cash offering and we will not have a collection at the time of the Offertory; the plate will simply be brought to the altar with the bread and wine. At present, of course, there is no offertory procession.*

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Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup> March) is the anniversary of the first national pandemic lockdown and the Bishops of England and Wales have suggested that the day be held as a Day of Prayer and people be asked ‘to pay a visit to churches and pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year’.

Accordingly, the church will be open for private prayer from after the morning Mass until 12.00 noon and from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

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