

St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

2nd May 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Martin Grant

Monday [Ss Philip and James, apostles]
9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [English Martyrs]
9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Wednesday [Feria in Eastertide]
9.00 am Private Intention

Thursday [Feria in Eastertide]
9.00 am Private Intention

Friday [Feria in Eastertide]
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Saturday [Feria in Eastertide]
9.00 am Patricia Dolan

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Agnes Elizabeth Loftus; Gladys Clayton; Ambrose McStraw; Gilbert Leo Evans; David Gibson; Sr M. Agnes; George Kettle; Patricia Dolan** (anniversaries).

Copies of the booklet on the wall paintings are on sale at the back of church, price £5. Besides being a wonderful souvenir, it will also make a good present to send to relatives and friends, so that they can share in the beauty of the wall paintings. Cards are also being produced, which should be on sale in the near future.

May is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady. Throughout the month, at the end of every Mass, we shall recite the following prayer, which dates from the third century and is the oldest known prayer to Our Lady:-

We fly to thy Patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.

Thursday, 13th May is Ascension Day and the church will be open all day from the morning Mass until the evening Mass to allow visitors to view the wall paintings. If you know someone who would be interested and otherwise cannot visit the church when it is open for Mass, please tell them about this open day.

The soul is not the exclusive possession of so-called 'civilized' races. Man is one and the same everywhere, and so is the soul. The spirit that is in man speaks in various languages, but what it says is always the same.

Its message is that God is everywhere, and so is his goodness; that the devil and his curse are also everywhere; that God's judgment applies everywhere, and that everywhere man is aware of it, however reluctantly. The witness of the soul is universal.

This means that the soul is also under divine judgment, and it is guilty of evil, even while it witnesses to the truth. You see, it points to God, but does not seek him. It recognises that demons are evil, but casually accepts their influence. It knows that there is a hell, but takes no precaution to avoid it. It is made to be a temple of Christ, but in fact excludes him.

The soul makes man a rational being. It separates him from the animals. It is the seat of sense and intellectual knowledge. But in spiritual things it can be an unreliable witness.

Tertullian (c.160-c.220 A.D.)