

# St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

[Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216]

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

## PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 am	Tom Maguire Snr

Monday [Lenten Feria]  
9.00 am

Agnes

Tuesday [Lenten Feria]  
9.00 am

Welfare of Sue Salter

Wednesday [Lenten Feria]  
9.00 am

Martin Price

Thursday [Lenten Feria]  
9.00 am

Albert and Catherine Lees

Friday [Lenten Feria]  
9.00 am  
7.00 pm

Welfare of Beryl Lyons  
Stations of the Cross

Saturday [Lenten Feria]  
9.00 am

Welfare of Headley Brunt

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

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Please pray for the sick in our parish and for those who have died: **Louis William Whitacre; Robert Campbell; Stanley Mills; Desiderato Remi; Margaret Page; Muriel Jones** (anniversaries).

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*As enter the final phase of Lent, and our thoughts turn more and more to the Passion of the Lord, we continue the custom of veiling all crucifixes and images, as a sign of mourning. The crucifixes remain uncovered until after the Liturgy of Good Friday, the images until the Easter Vigil; votive candles are not burned before veiled images.*

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**Help Needed.** If you are able to give some time to help polish the brass- and silverware during the week in preparation for Easter, it would be greatly appreciated; please speak to Fr Sharp.

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Last Week's Collection: £338.14. Thank you.

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*Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Weather permitting, the Sunday morning Mass will begin on the patch of grass outside the sacristy and church corridor, from where we shall process into the church.*

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be at 7.30 pm, followed by the Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.00 pm.*

*The Liturgy of Good Friday will be at 3.00 pm. Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross will be at 7.30 pm.*

*The Easter Vigil will begin outside, again weather permitting, at 8.00 pm and lead into the Mass of the Resurrection.*

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**40 Days for Life**, the annual campaign to help save babies from being aborted, runs in Birmingham from 1<sup>st</sup> March until 9<sup>th</sup> April, and involves a peaceful vigil outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, 4 Arthur Road, Birmingham, B15 2UL, where over 5,000 babies are aborted each year. See the leaflets at the back of church for more information. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act; 8.7 million babies have been aborted in the UK since then.

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*Do, please, look at the Warwick Deanery website – <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk> – which contains information about all the churches in our deanery and includes daily Mass readings.*

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The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will run from 27<sup>th</sup> May until 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There is a brochure and booking forms in the church porch; copies can also be downloaded at [www.tangey-tours.com](http://www.tangey-tours.com). Sick pilgrims requiring extensive medical care should contact Miss Fiona Bonham, Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. If you are a nurse and wish to volunteer your services, please contact Trish Brookes at [lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org).

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*If you would like to help decorate the church at Easter, please put your donation on the plate at the back of church.*

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Following a report from the Care Quality Commission, which revealed very dangerous and illegal practices at Marie Stopes International abortion clinics, Life and SPUC have launched a joint petition to have the company stripped of its licence to perform abortions in the UK. Copies of the petition, and of the reasoning behind it, are available at the back of church.

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