

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI Baddesley Clinton.

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Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

The Feast today reminds us that God's revelation and the outworking of his loving purposes takes place in the context of human families. In today's readings we see how God begins a new work in the world through Abraham and Sarah, in the Old Testament and through Mary and Joseph, in the New Testament. Both couples faithfully trusted in God's promises and saw them come to fulfilment - such is the faithfulness and mercy of God.

Thanks from Fr Frank Thanks once more for your cards, gifts, kindness and support. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Also, I am grateful for all the work you put in to ensuring that there is a Eucharistic presence in this place. Together, by faithfully assembling week by week, we ensure that we witness to the love, light and hope of Christ and his in-breaking Kingdom. That is the distinctive and incomparable gift we are called to offer to the world through our assembly as the Church, but, in order for this to happen, many have to give of their time and energy in raising funds and being responsible for day to day administration and maintenance. May the Lord bless you for your hard work on behalf of Christ and his Kingdom. It is a privilege and a joy to share with you in this service.

Pastoral letter Archbishop Bernard has provided a Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God What better way to begin the New Year than to celebrate this great Marian feast and to commend ourselves and the world to the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Lady. There will be a Mass at St Francis on Mon 1st Jan at 10.30am. All welcome.

Fr Frank will be taking his post-Christmas break from Tuesday of this week, returning on Saturday 13th January.

Change to weekday Masses this week as Fr Frank is taking his post-Christmas break. The Parish office will also be closed until 11th January 2024. Please see the deanery website for more information on weekday Masses in other Parishes: <https://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 30 Dec	6.00pm Mass – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sun 31	11.00am Mass – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mon 1 Jan	10.30am – Mass – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sat 6	6.00pm Mass – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Georgina Elizabeth Watrus (RIP)
Sun 7	11.00am Mass – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord People of the Parish