

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel conducts us to the River Jordan. This was the holy place where first century Judeans expected to see the Messiah come. It was also at this place that the people, long ago, crossed over into the promised land. Today's story finds us here at this holy place, where John the Baptist is proclaiming Jesus to be the Lamb of God - the One who takes away the sins of the world, the One we are to follow.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament There is an opportunity for us all to spend time with Our Lord in silent prayer and meditation every Thursday at Saint Francis, Baddesley Clinton. Christ has chosen to be with us in the Eucharist until the end of time. We can reverence the love and humility of Christ, who comes to us in this way, by being with Him, listening to Him and opening our hearts to Him as he is presented to us in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9.00am Mass on Thursday and ends at 10.00am, with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). This is a very powerful means of growing in prayer and devotion to Christ. Stay for as long as you like - use the opportunity to pray, meditate, say the Rosary, to engage with the Holy Scriptures or spiritual reading, or simply to be still in the presence of our Blessed Lord. Feel free to leave when you are ready - think about making this a regular part of your prayer life in order to grow in your knowledge and love of God and be a witness to that love in the world. Prayer cards are available at the back of St Francis Church to assist in your full participation.

Holy Rosary There is an opportunity to pray the Holy Rosary together every Wednesday immediately after 9am Mass at St Francis Church.

No Mass this Friday – As I have to work on Monday (my usual day off) I will have to take my day off on Friday this week, Friday Masses will return on 26th January.

Wedding Please keep Michael Armenakis and Melissa Poulton in your prayers. They will be married here on Saturday 20th January at 2:00pm.

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 13 Jan	6.00pm Mass – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 14	11.00am Mass – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Armenakis and Melissa Poulton
Wed 17	9.00am Mass – Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot (<i>followed by the Holy Rosary</i>)
Thurs 18	9.00am Mass (<i>followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>)
Sat 20	6.00pm Mass – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:00pm Wedding of Michael Armenakis and Melissa Poulton
Sun 21	11.00am Mass – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

