

**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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *In Mark's Gospel Jesus' first miraculous work is an exorcism whereby he casts out an 'unclean spirit' - a demon. By this action Jesus' announcement of the coming of God's Kingdom becomes perceptible and concrete. Throughout the public ministry of Our Lord, Mark shows Jesus progressively dismantling the powers of darkness as he advances his assault on Satan's kingdom. Those who witness Jesus' words and actions are astonished for he teaches with authority. Also, it should be noticed that the presence of Christ draws the evil spirit out into the open. In the presence of Jesus the grip of evil on the man comes to light and he cries out in rage, challenging Jesus encroachment on the demon's formerly uncontested territory. St Leo XIII wrote a prayer to strengthen us and to gain the Archangel's protection in the spiritual battle against the Devil and his evil influence.*

**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel by Pope Leo XIII** Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**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). Prayer cards are available at the back of St Francis Church to assist in your full participation.

**St Peter Julian Eymard on Eucharistic Adoration** "The object of Eucharistic adoration is the Divine Person of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him and He will speak to us. Anybody may speak to our Lord. Is He not there for everybody? Does he not tell us, "Come ye all to Me"? This conversation between the soul and our Lord is the true Eucharistic meditation, i.e. adoration... Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in Paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to Heaven, to the Divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy."

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

**Friday Mass** will be a Funeral Mass at BRG at 11.30am. *There will not be a Mass at St Francis this Friday.*

**Masses at St Francis this week**

Sat 27 Jan	6.00pm <b>Mass – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joan Donovan (RIP)
Sun 28	11.00am <b>Mass – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> James Quinn (RIP)
Wed 31	9.00am <b>Mass – Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest</b> <i>(followed by the Holy Rosary)</i>
Thurs 1 Feb	9.00am <b>Mass</b> <i>(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i>
Sat 3	6.00pm <b>Mass – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 4	11.00am <b>Mass – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>