

**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**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

*At the time of Jesus, lepers were treated as social and ritual outcasts. They were not welcome in society or in the Temple. Therefore the leper in today's Gospel makes a bold move in approaching Jesus. Jesus makes him "clean" enabling him to be accepted as part of the worshipping community and revealing to us how God, in Christ, is reconciling the world to himself. No one is outside the welcoming love of God.*

**Lent** begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday) with the customary imposition of ashes at Mass. There will be a Mass at 9.00am at Saint Francis and 7.00pm at BRG. After Mass there will be the usual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations and silent prayer for half an hour, leading up to Benediction.

**Stations of the Cross and Lent Course** During Lent, I hope to follow each Tuesday Mass at BRG and Friday Mass at Saint Francis with Stations of the Cross. I also hope to run a Lent Course at Saint Francis on Wednesdays after the 9.00am Mass.

**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.

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

**Second collection** this Sunday there will be a second collection for LIFE charity.

**Parish Council** Please contact Fr Frank (using the email at the top of this newsletter) if you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council.

**Volunteers needed** We require two volunteers (who are not related) each week to count and record the collection. Please contact Fr Frank if you can help. We would hope to put together a rota so that the role can be shared amongst a team. Many thanks in advance.

**Masses at St Francis this week**

Sat 10 Feb	4.00pm <b>Baptism</b> – Edward Page 6.00pm <b>Mass</b> – <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 11	11.00am <b>Mass</b> – <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Wed 14	9.00am <b>Mass</b> – <b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thurs 15	9.00am <b>Mass</b> – <b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b> (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)
Fri 16	9.00am <b>Mass</b> – <b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>
Sat 17	6.00pm <b>Mass</b> – <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun 18	11.00am <b>Mass</b> – <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>