

**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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

*The Father loves and liberates but in today's Gospel we see how his house can become 'a market place' where people are exploited. Jesus' protest and rejection of the trading taking part in the Temple affects powerful interests: the interests of those who have replaced God (without denying God openly) by greed, which Paul calls 'idolatry.' Paradoxically, this subtle and insidious substitution is often justified by religious arguments. None of us is immune from this. The Gospel today invites us to examine our conscience both at the personal level and as members of Christ's Church. Through Christ we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Lent is an opportunity for us to cleanse the temple of our lives from all that harms and diminishes us and those around us.*

**Additional devotions in Lent:**

- **Tuesdays** Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 10.00am Masses on Tuesdays during Lent at Blessed Robert Grissold church, Balsall Common.
- **Wednesdays** The Holy Rosary will be prayed after the 9.00am Mass on Wednesdays at St Francis church, Baddesley Clinton. The Rosary will be followed by a Lent Course.
- **Thursdays** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 9.00am Mass on Thursdays at St Francis church, Baddesley Clinton. Adoration will finish at 10.00am with Benediction.
- **Fridays** Stations of the Cross will follow the 9.00am Mass on Fridays at St Francis church, Baddesley Clinton.

**First five Saturday Fatima Devotion** for peace in the world. On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays". Please join Deacon Subhi in the parish hall at St George And St Theresa Church Dorridge on Saturday 9th March after the 10am Mass for tea and coffee, then at 11am to learn more about this beautiful devotion and how it will help bring about peace in world.

**Second Collections** This weekend there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

**Adults seeking reception** Adults seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should email Fr Frank by the end of February.

**Altar Servers** If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Fr Frank.

**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.

**Parish Finances** The figures for the Parish expenditure and income (year ending 2023) have been posted on the noticeboard. See Fr Frank if there are any questions or matters arising.

**Big Church Clean** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am – 12noon. All help is greatly appreciated. We are so grateful to those who can be generous with their time.

**Masses at St Francis this week**

Sat 2 Mar	6.00pm <b>Mass – Third Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun 3	11.00am <b>Mass – Third Sunday of Lent</b> Gerald Loughlin (RIP)
Wed 6	9.00am <b>Mass</b> (followed by the Holy Rosary and Lent Course) Josephine Mulvihill (ints)
Thurs 7	9.00am <b>Mass</b> (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)
Fri 8	9.00am <b>Mass</b> (followed by Stations of the Cross)
Sat 9	6.00pm <b>Mass – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun 10	11.00am <b>Mass – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>