

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI Baddesley Clinton.

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Parish Website: www.sfachurch.org.uk

Deanery website: <https://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life and that all believers will be faithful to their baptismal vocation. To follow Christ is to love him, to trust him, to serve him and to do his will - which is also what it means to be faithful to our vocation. Christ, the Good Shepherd, tells us that his sheep follow him "because they recognise his voice." We have to learn to distinguish the voice of the one true God from the voices of the many false gods and idols which call to us today.

Mass on Thursday & Friday 9.00am Fr Frank will continue his post-Easter break into this week and so, there will be no weekday Masses at BRG. There will be a Mass at Saint Francis on Thursday and Friday at 9.00am, but no Mass on Wednesday this week. For alternative weekday Masses, please see the Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Second collection This weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

True devotion to Jesus and Mary We are starting again our group for the Warwickshire area and would welcome anyone else from the deanery that would like to join us. The devotion is considered to be a perfect renewal of a person's baptismal promises and is based on the teachings and spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please bring your rosary for our first meeting: Upper Room St Peter's parish centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA on **Saturday 27th April at 11am**. Parish website: catholicleamington.org.uk. Local contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399. Email: rcia.cathleam@gmail.com

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

Adults seeking reception Adults seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should email Fr Frank.

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.

Opportunity for Pilgrimage to Walsingham as part of the Jubilee Year 2025 If you are interested in visiting Walsingham as part of the Jubilee Year please see information on their website: www.walsingham.org.uk/shrine-home/

Job vacancy Friends of the Holy Land are looking for an energetic, dedicated individual to join our fast-moving, growing charity making a difference to Christians in the Holy Land. The successful candidate must have office experience, excellent oral and written communication skills and be a 'people person'; social media experience is also desirable. Full details are available at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/jobs>. Closing date for applications is 29th April. Please send your CV and covering letter to Jen Hill at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 20 Apr 6.00pm **Mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sun 21 11.00am **Mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Thurs 25 9.00am **Mass – Feast of St Mark, Evangelist**

(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

Fri 26 9.00am **Mass**

Sat 27 6.00pm **Mass – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sun 28 11.00am **Mass – Fifth Sunday of Easter**