

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Through the Eucharist we make our home in Christ who describes Himself in today's Gospel as "the true vine." He is the "vine" and we are the "branches" which feed on His life in and through the miracle of the Mass. The Mass is vital to the Church's mission and evangelization, indeed, as St John Fisher once stated "When someone observes with attention the periods of spiritual flourishing of the Church and the times of degeneration as well he must realise this: the cause of degeneration in the Church is almost always the negligence and abuse of this most holy Sacrament of the Altar. On the opposite side however he will notice this: the times of genuine reform and the flourishing of the life of the Church were always preceded by a tender devotion to this most holy Sacrament."

Mass on Tuesday at BRG will be at 7.00pm this week. All welcome.

Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles on Friday 3rd May. There will be a Mass at Saint Francis at 9.00am. All welcome.

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.

Study of John's Gospel from Wednesday 8th May. Fr Frank intends to lead a study of John's Gospel after the 9.00am Mass and the Holy Rosary each Wednesday from 8th May. All welcome.

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

A Year of Encounter With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online sessions on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Masses at St Francis this week

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

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

Wed 1 May 9.00am Mass *(followed by the Holy Rosary)*

Thurs 2 9.00am Mass – **Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

Fri 3 9.00am Mass - **Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles**

Sat 4 6.00pm Mass – **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sun 5 11.00am Mass – **Sixth Sunday of Easter**