

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

We are not to approach God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three Persons as a mathematical puzzle or a philosophical problem but, rather, as the Divine community of love whom we are called to know and enjoy for ever, for the one God, who has revealed Himself as Trinity, has made us for himself - to know and enjoy him forever. That is why, in and through sacred mysteries which we celebrate in the Eucharist, he gathers us to himself so that, by grace, we might share in the life and love of the Most Holy Trinity for ever.

June - the Month of the Sacred Heart June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday 7th June. Great benefits are promised to those who practice this devotion. Also, during this month, we can seek to deepen our devotion to the love of God revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - a devotion encouraged by St Margaret Mary, whose relic rests in the altar at Blessed Robert Grissold church. We might even consider consecrating ourselves to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

No midweek Masses There will be no midweek Masses this week. Please go to the deanery website for details of Masses at other churches in the area: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Ripples of Hope As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee, CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well known and much loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author David Wells. The event will be held on **Saturday 8 June 2024** at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00am – 4.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

Banbury & Warwick Deanery. First meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting – Weds 8 May 2024: Over 40 lay representatives and parish priests/ deacons met for the first meeting in Bicester. The minutes will appear on the Deanery website soon. Meanwhile, the main agenda item was around the grouping of the parishes into 5 possible clusters, known as Leamington, Rugby, Bicester & Banbury, Stratford and Kenilworth. It was agreed that the representatives of the parishes on the Deanery PC should meet with the parish priests before the next meeting on 19th September, to discuss the proposed clusters, recommend any improvements and share how parishes within the cluster can support each other in fulfilling the Diocesan Vision.

Pastoral Council A Pastoral Council is to be established at St Francis of Assisi to support Father Frank in implementing the 4 themes of the Diocesan Vision: Liturgy and Worship, Formation, Evangelisation and Social Outreach. A meeting will be arranged shortly for those who have already volunteered or anyone else who is interested in supporting this initiative.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi on 26 October -2 November 2024. For more information contact Mgr McHugh at: co.ordinator.ethnic.chaplaincy@rcaob.org.uk/07812 110640 by 20th May 2024.

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Volunteers needed Please contact Fr Frank if you are willing to join one of the two cleaning teams at St Francis. This work provides a valuable service to the community. This would involve 1-1.5 hours every 2 months. Many thanks.

Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting Canon John would like to invite you all the Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting which will commence with Vespers at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, OX26 1UN, followed by a meeting in the St John Paul II Centre (next door to the church) on **Thursday, 27th June at 7pm**. His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Episcopal Vicar Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will report on the current parish visitations taking place in our Deanery.

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 25 May	6.00pm Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Sun 26	11.00am Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Sat 2 Jun	6.00pm Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sun 3	11.00am Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Denis McCarthy (RIP)