

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling Parables of the Kingdom. The first declares that the growth of the Kingdom resembles the mysterious process of nature; so too the growth of the Kingdom is equally mysterious, as God's ways always are. A second parable, that of the Mustard Seed, stresses the enormous potential of the Kingdom in spite of its tiny beginning. A parable, from the Greek word meaning "laid alongside," can be seen as an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

June - the Month of the Sacred Heart June is the month of the Sacred Heart. 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 weekday Masses this week as Fr Frank will be on his annual retreat. Please see the Deanery website for other weekday Masses taking place in the area: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Second collection this week for the Day for Life.

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.

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.

New flower rota Please find a copy of the new flower rota for July to December 2024 at the back of the Church. Thank you so much to all the volunteers. It is much appreciated.

General Election 2024 The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday, 4 July. At <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> you will find information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 15 June	6.00pm Mass – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 16	11.00am Mass – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Nan Quinn (RIP)

Sat 22	6.00pm Mass – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 23	11.00am Mass – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Ashleigh McCann & Alaa Sab (to be married in August)