## 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

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus is teaching us what he wants us to know concerning the Eucharist and he says things that his followers find hard to accept. Nevertheless, this is his teaching and he insists that he is the "bread of life," that "comes down from heaven," that "anyone who eats this bread will live for ever," and the "bread" he gives is his "flesh" which he gives "for the life of the world." And Christ's "flesh," his Body, is the "bread from heaven" we feed on in the Mass today.

**No weekday Masses this week** Weekend Masses as usual. Please be aware that Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holyday of Obligation.

**Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi** begins next Sunday. The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation. In our Archdiocese his memory is held in special regard and each year we pray a Novena of Prayer asking God to grant a miracle of healing through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, which could further his cause for Canonisation. Please pray the Novena during the nine days from August 18 until August 26. It can be prayed in the parish or at home.

Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us. Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.

**New Parish Clusters** It is suggested that the deanery form four clusters, ours being the parishes of Lillington, Leamington, Warwick, Hampton-on-the-Hill and Kenilworth. The new Parish Council will meet to discuss this at 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Parish Office Please be aware that Sara's hours will reduce and vary over the school summer holidays.

**Martyrs' Walk** There will be a walk in commemoration of the Warwick Martyrs: Blessed John Sugar, Blessed Robert Grissold and Blessed William Freeman leaving from St Mary Immaculate Catholic church, West Street, Warwick at 3.00pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

March for Life 2024 Come and join the thousands walking in the annual UK March for Life in central London on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Day-return coach trip, leaving St Dunstan's, Kings Heath (pick-up Institute Road) at 7.40am, and St Augustine's, Solihull (pick-up Herbert Road) at 8.00am returning for 7.30/45pm. Adults £25, Youngsters under 16 £12.50. Seats reserved on payment. Contact Brian Healy on mob: 07726311261

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sun 1st September 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass: 3.00pm. Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch.

## Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 10 Aug	6.00pm Mass – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 11 Aug	11.00am Mass – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 17 Aug	6.00pm Mass – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 18 Aug	11.00am Mass – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time