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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel reading today points up the vital significance of the Eucharist. The fundamental importance of the Eucharist for the life of the Church can be seen in the words of St Irenaeus: "Our teaching is in accordance with the Eucharist, and the Eucharist, in turn, confirms our teaching." The Fathers of the Church perceived the Eucharist as the revelation and fulfilment of the entire mystery of the salvation of the world by Christ and therefore of the entire content of the Christian faith. No wonder, therefore, that the Catechism teaches that the Eucharist is the 'source and summit of the Christian life.'

No weekday Masses this week Weekend Masses as usual.

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins this 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 4th 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 18th August 2024.

March for Life 2024 Come and join the thousands walking in the annual UK March for Life in central London on Sat 7th 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 17 Aug	6.00pm Mass – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 18 Aug	11.00am Mass – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 24 Aug	6.00pm Mass – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 25 Aug	11.00am Mass – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time