

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October is the month of the Rosary and the Rosary is Trinitarian and Christ-centred but it is also a Marian prayer. In the Rosary, we are happy to praise the mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the words of the Archangel Gabriel and her cousin Elizabeth: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.” And in the Rosary, we meditate and reflect on the important events in Our Lord’s life through the eyes of Mary. Another prayer that makes the Rosary Marian is the concluding prayer - the “Hail Holy Queen.” But the two most important prayers of the Rosary are the Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary. As St. Louis de Montfort said: “How could there possibly be any more pleasing prayers to Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin, or any that are easier, more precious or more helpful than these two prayers?”

Weekday Masses, Devotions and Study Group this week:

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at BRG** will follow the 7.00pm Mass every **first** Tuesday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 8.00pm. All welcome.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Francis** will follow the 9.00am Mass on Thursday each week. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 10.00am. All welcome.
- **Study of John’s Gospel** Fr Frank is leading a study of John’s Gospel at Saint Francis after the 9.00am Mass and the Holy Rosary each Wednesday. All welcome.

World Mission Sunday Today is World Mission Sunday – we can support the Church’s mission by contributing to Missio in today’s second collection.

Book plates for new Lectionaries Would all those who have made donations to offset the cost of the new Lectionaries please confirm with Fr Frank before the end of October in order that the dedicatory book plates may be allocated.

The Blessing of Graves at Oscott Cemetery on Saturday 2nd November at 3pm. Family and friends of those who are buried at Oscott Cemetery are warmly invited each November to the Blessing of Graves, a commemoration of all the faithful departed buried in our Cemetery and an opportunity to pray for the repose of their souls. If you have any questions or queries please contact the Cemetery Office: Alison Hutcheson - 0121 321 5026 between 10am and 2pm. Please see the noticeboard for further information.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: “It’s a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims.” The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

Parish Pastoral Council – volunteers needed It has been suggested at our meetings that the PPC would benefit from being more representative of the demographic of our Church community. We need people of all ages especially representation from young working families. The commitment would involve 3-4 meetings per year. Your participation in the PPC would provide Fr Frank with valuable insight into the life of the Church which would help us going forward with the implementation of the Archbishop’s Diocesan Vision. If you feel you would like to explore this further please contact Fr Frank.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Iain Butlin-Moran. They can be contacted at: butlinmoran@icloud.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 19 Oct	6.00pm Mass – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 20	11.00am Mass – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed 23	9.00am Mass (followed by the Holy Rosary & the study of John’s Gospel)
Thurs 24	9.00am Mass (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)
Fri 25	9.00am Mass
Sat 26	6.00pm Mass – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 27	11.00am Mass – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time