

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October is the month of the Rosary and we have prayed a decade of the Rosary at each Mass throughout the month of October as a gentle reminder, if it is needed, of the great riches that are to be had in this form of prayer. Padre Pio, the holy saint who received the stigmata, loved to pray the Rosary. He always kept his Rosary beads in his hand. Because he prayed it almost constantly he was known as the 'living Rosary.' One day his superior asked him how many Rosaries he had prayed that day. Wanting to be respectful and honest with his superior he told him: "I have prayed thirty-four Rosaries today." On another occasion a follower asked him to teach him a prayer that was most pleasing to our Blessed Lady. Without hesitation, he insisted that none is more beautiful or pleasing than the Rosary. And he further instructed him: "Always say the Rosary. The Rosary is a weapon in our hands." Near the end of his life he didn't talk much and when people sought his advice or help he would simply show them the Rosary. Let us follow St Pio's example and always have our Rosary with us.

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.

Second collection Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Johnson Association.

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 Saint Francis will take place on Saturday 2nd November after the 9.30am Mass.

Solemnity of All Saints On Friday 1st November there will be a Mass at 7.00pm for this Solemnity at Saint Francis. All welcome. Therefore, there will be no morning Mass on this day.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) On Saturday 2nd November at 9.30am at Saint Francis Church there will be a Mass to commemorate all the faithful departed. All welcome. There are envelopes for your prayer intentions and offerings at the back of the church. Please print the names of your departed loved ones clearly on the front of the envelope. I will offer the Mass for all those named on All Souls' Day (2 November) and there will be Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November and during the year.

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 26 Oct

6.00pm Mass – **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sun 27

11.00am Mass – **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Paul Corcoran (RIP)

Wed 30

9.00am Mass (followed by the Holy Rosary & the study of John's Gospel)

Thurs 31

9.00am Mass (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

Fri 1 Nov

7.00pm Mass – **Solemnity of All Saints**

Sat 2

9.30am Mass – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** (followed by Blessing of the Graves)

6.00pm Mass – **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sun 3

11.00am Mass – **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joseph Naughton (RIP)