

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today, with the holy Church of God throughout the world, we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means “manifestation” and it was made manifest to the Magi, who were led from afar by a bright star, that Jesus came, not just for the people of Israel but for everyone. This feast draws us away from the temptation to confine the mystery of the Christmas celebration to our own private world and interests. For the Church, Epiphany is a call and a challenge to never become narrow and inward-looking but to remember that, as the baptised, our vocation is to be a light for all people.

Christmas offerings for your Priest As is customary, your offerings at Christmas went to your Parish Priest. Fr Frank would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and ongoing support in this Parish. Thank you also for your cards and gifts. Hoping that you had a very blessed and peaceful Christmas Season.

Weekday Masses There will be no weekday Masses this week as Fr Frank will be taking his post-Christmas break. Please see the Deanery website for weekday Masses in the area: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Parish Office Sara’s normal parish office hours (Wednesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm) will resume from Wednesday 15th January 2025.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18- 25 January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. At the heart of our reflections for this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the question posed by Jesus to Martha: ‘Do you believe this?’ (John 11:26). Please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/> for resources and prayers for this week of prayer.

New Flower Rotas for Jan & Feb 2025 are at the back of the Church. Many thanks to all those that help with our church flowers.

Parishioner Information Forms Please find Parishioner Information Forms at the back of the Church. Please complete and return in a sealed envelope to Fr Frank. These forms provide much needed information for Fr Frank so that he is able to keep in touch with any important information and learn in what ways you are able to help our Parish. Many thanks.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 4 Jan	6.00pm Mass - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 5	11.00am Mass - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Bridie O’Connor (80 th Birthday)
Sat 11	6.00pm Mass - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sun 12	11.00am Mass - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord