

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



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love and marriage are very much in the air in our readings today. The scriptures reveal how God created us in order that we might know and love him. God delights in us or, as Isaiah in our first reading puts it: 'As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride so will your God rejoice in you.' Two become one in marriage and God created us so that we might be united with him in love - and our God is passionate about our being made one with him - So passionate that he gives himself totally for us in Christ who is born among us to win our love and devotion. This is the greatest love story ever told. Christ reveals the God of love to us in order that we might fall in love with him and so, like him, be prepared to leave all to be wedded to him.

Weekday **Masses and Devotions** 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.

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 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.

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.

Join Us for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes! The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, 8th February 2025, at 4:30 pm, in St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. Refreshments will be served after Mass. We look forward to welcoming you to this special celebration. For more information, please contact treas.hosp.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

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.

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 18 Jan	6.00pm Mass – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Shirley Smith (RIP)
Sun 19	11.00am Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed 22	9.00am Mass (<i>followed by the Holy Rosary</i>)
Thurs 23	9.00am Mass (<i>followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>)
Fri 24	9.00am Mass – Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Joan Donovan (RIP)
Sat 25	6.00pm Mass – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 26	11.00am Mass - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time