

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to love our enemies - to love like the God in whose image and likeness we were originally created. Humanity has made itself the enemy of God through its sinfulness - our turning our backs on the way of God's love. This is seen most keenly in the way humanity treated God's beloved Son. Yet God loves us. He loves us as we are, but he loves us too much to let us stay as we are. His love wants to transform us, more and more, into the likeness of Jesus, who is true the image of God and who loved his enemies - praying for those who crucified him: "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing."

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Removal of wreaths Please ensure that wreaths are removed from the cemetery by the end of February.

Road Closure from Monday 24th February Rising Lane will be completely closed for 11 days from Netherwood lane (Baddesley Clinton Hall NT) to the canal. Parishioners from Lapworth and Hockley Heath will need to take a detour: If you travel along Chessets Wood Road (From the Punch Bowl) towards Darley Green, turn right into Chapel Lane and continue to the "T" junction. Turn right into Bakers Lane and continue to the "T" junction with the Warwick Road. Turn right and continue to Chadwick End. After passing through the village turn right into Rising Lane, St Francis of Assisi church is on the right after approximately a quarter of a mile.

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 22 Feb	6.00pm Mass – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Private int
Sun 23	11.00am Mass - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Kevin McCarthy (ints)
Wed 26	9.00am Mass (followed by the Holy Rosary) Sandra Smith (Ints)
Thurs 27	9.00am Mass (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)
Fri 28	9.00am Mass
Sat 1 March	6.00pm Mass – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time John Curry (RIP)
Sun 2	11.00am Mass - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

