

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday

Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

The saints are our models of Christian life. This is especially true of the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the place she occupies in the history of salvation. Mary, our Lady of the Assumption, is the perfect Christian and as such she is the model for the whole Church. She can be seen as the Church in miniature. She shows us that we must be dedicated completely to Christ as she was, that we must be willing to suffer with him, as she did. And she also shows us that loyalty to Christ guarantees immortality, body as well as soul in complete happiness in heaven.

Secretary Contact Email – For anything to do with Administration, Finances, Bulletins, and all other queries, please contact our secretary directly on brg.balsallcommon@rcaob.org.uk

Notice from Fr Frank – As most of you will already know it has been announced that I will be leaving St Francis 15th September. It has been a great joy and privilege to serve you as Parish Priest, and I will miss you all. I am pleased to say that I will be continuing my priestly ministry at Balsall Common.

Relic of St Francis of Assisi – During this year of St Francis a Relic of St Francis will be available for veneration at St Francis Baddesley Clinton after the Masses on Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 11.00.

Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and St Francis – This Cell meets at St Francis on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm to pray Vespers and Compline with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 8pm. This is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life by participating in the prayer of the Church. During this year celebrating St Francis there will also be an opportunity at these meetings to venerate the Relic of the Seraphic Saint. All welcome.

Celebrations for the Year of St Francis – Patronal Mass on Sunday 4th October. Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and St Francis meeting monthly. Relic of St Francis available for veneration at the weekend Masses. Social events are being arranged. A talk and a video on St Francis from Mgr. Danny McHugh. Joining in pilgrimages to other Parishes who are also celebrating the year of St Francis. Loaning of the relic of St Francis to other Parishes. Also, there have been requests for other Parishes to make a pilgrimage to our Church.

Discussions and reflections on the Faith – I plan to run a course on one evening in the week at Blessed Robert Grissold starting around the end of October. If anyone is interested in exploring the Catholic faith especially with a view to being received into full communion, this course would be helpful. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to St Francis – We have a pilgrimage planned from OLMC Redditch to St Francis on Saturday 12th September in the afternoon. We require volunteers to open the Church, receive and assist the Pilgrims and close up afterwards. They are hoping to arrive between 2.30 – 3pm. If you are willing to volunteer please give your names to Fr Frank.



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Readers at Mass – If anyone would like to join the reader's rota, please contact Val on 07747102095

Altar Servers – If anyone is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please let Fr Frank know.

Fr Frank's summer break – I will be taking a break between Tuesday 18th August and Tuesday 25th August. I have ensured there is cover for the Masses at the weekend, but there will be no Masses through the week next week.

Our Parish, Our Responsibility - Following our recent appeal can you consider:

-Increasing your donation? -Gift Aiding it? - Offering some of your time or talents?

If you would like to make an offertory donation, please scan the QR code and follow the instructions.



Masses at St Francis this week

Saturday 15 th August	6.00pm	Mass	Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 16 th August	11.00am	Mass	Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Josie Sweeney (RIP) Cyril Clarke (RIP)
Saturday 22 nd August	6.00pm	Mass	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 23 rd August	11.00am	Mass	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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