

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

11th November 2018 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Day – Armistice Day

“This poor widow has put in more than all”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: Universal: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Father Frank. *Today in the Gospel we hear the story of the “Widow’s Mite.” The mite was the tiniest coin in circulation. In the Temple the rich were giving from their loose change, but the widow, out of her extreme poverty, gave everything she had: two small coins. Although poor and in need of the few coppers she had, she never hesitated, never counted the cost. She gave everything to God. The widow became famous, not because she gave so little but because, in her extraordinary generosity, she gave so much.*

Saints & Feast Days this Week: St Josaphat (13th), St Albert the Great (15th), St Edmund of Abingdon (16th)

Collection: 4th November: Loose plate £59.60, envelopes £61.00, standing orders £390.00, **Total £510.60**

Johnson Association last week’s collection raised **£163.85**. Thank you.

There will be a Second Collection next week for **The Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre**.

100 Club – 3rd Draw winners:

1 st	69	£75.00	Bob Jones
2 nd	18	£45.00	Nuala Fulham
3 rd	39	£30.00	Helen Woods

Baptism. Please pray for *Edward Woodall-Pagan*, who will be baptised here after Mass today and pray for his parents and godparents that, God may bless, guide and protect them and that by his grace they may be faithful to their Baptismal promises.

Evangelisation Team. Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is tomorrow Monday 12th November at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter’s Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help us plan how to share the Good News. Contact: *Peter Dimambro* 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese will be held here at Blessed Robert Grissold church on the morning of this Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 11.00 am. The Dean will be the celebrant and the priests of the Deanery will concelebrate with him. All welcome.

Millennium Breakfast. Our next breakfast will be after Mass next Sunday 18th November. We will be serving warm croissants, toast and all the usual fare. Fr Ed is currently undergoing medical treatment in this country but hopes to return to Lima at the end of February to continue his work.

Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars will be on sale as from today. All proceeds will go towards Group 83 H.C.P.T.’S Funds.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evening provides an opportunity for us all to learn of Christ and grow in his life as we pray silently before him in the Blessed Sacrament and meditate on the spiritual teaching of the Church. We continue to follow the life of Our Lord through the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This week we will be meditating on the First of the Luminous Mysteries, The Baptism of Jesus. All welcome.

Pastoral Letter. If you would like a hard copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter regarding the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, please see Fr Frank.

All Souls: There are envelopes for your prayer intentions and offerings at the back of the church. Please write the names of your loved ones clearly on a piece of paper and enclose it in the envelope provided, together with your Mass offering. I will name those listed at the Mass of the Solemnity of All Souls and at Masses for the Holy Souls that will be offered throughout the month of November. A tray will be placed by the altar from this Sunday to receive your Mass intentions and offerings.

Christmas Raffle: The Christmas Raffle is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we would be very grateful for the donation of Raffle Prizes. We have already been promised some excellent prizes, including meals, afternoon teas and hampers and will happily accept bottles, chocolates, toiletries and vouchers of any description. Please contact *Tracey McAtamney* traceymcatamney@btconnect.com **Tel: 01676 532940 Mobile 0791 8191560.**

Prayers for the Sick: If you would like a name added to the prayers for the sick please complete a consent form and pass to *Father Frank or David Green.*

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Lily Mae Carr, Andrew Lockington, Katya O'Donnell, Consuelo Ramon, Anne Santos.

Anniversaries:

Parish Quiz
Saturday 24th November
7.00 for 7.30pm start
Refreshments – Baked Potato with Sausages
Bring your own drinks
Teams of up to six players - £8.00 per player
Please register your team with Godfrey or Linda Chesshire

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,*

*Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	Sunday, 11 th November – 9.30am Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Day	Sunday, 18 th November – 9.30am Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Joseph & Maureen Martin (RIP)	Father Frank Alec Abel (RIP)
Altar Servers:	James	Jacob & Laura
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley
Readers:	Nigel Parker & Ian Lester	Dominic Green & Ciaran McSorley
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen Carroll John & Louise Perry	Mike Fairbrother Teresa Green & John McLellan
Counting:	Ian & Fran Lester	Devoy Family
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Claire & Charles Keane
Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Chris Lynn & Irene Gibbons
Flowers:	Joan Mclean	Joan Mclean
Children's Liturgy:	Claire & Celine	Kathryn & Jane
Music	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date: Time:	Tuesday 13 th Nov 11.00am Mass	Wednesday 14 th Nov 10.00am Mass	Thursday 15 th Nov 7.00pm Mass Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations and silent prayer for half an hour before Benediction at 8.00pm
Intention:	For the deceased clergy of the Archdiocese	Holy Souls	Tony Beck (RIP)

Parish Room: MUST be booked with Louise Perry – Tel.: **01676 533357**.

Contributions for the Bulletin: Godfrey Chesshire is now compiling the newsletter. Please send items by 7.00pm on Wednesday to godfreycheshire@btinternet.com or call on **01676 532352**

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel : 07512 100908 Email : frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

Today we remember the men of Balsall and Berkswell who died during the two World Wars

1914-1918

William Adams
Richard Andrews
Albert Biddle
William Burley
Charles Chamberlain
Percy J Evans
John Gardiner
J Hornsby
Charles Howe
Walter Jennings

Albert Lewis
James Miles
Fredrick Norman
Peter Thompson
Walter Timms
Albert Twissell
Reg Whorwood
Walter H Wright

1939-1945

Harry Bragginton
Insull Burman
Arthur R Davis
Sidney Jones
Leslie G Sandilands
Benjamin G Scovell
Arthur Wastell
Arthur V Watkins
Ivan Woodcock

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them*

Learned Optimism Course

Following their successful mindfulness course, the Methodist Church Wellbeing Group searched for other well-validated self-help texts from which to develop a further series. The most promising was Martin Seligman's 'Learned Optimism' which overlaps with and extends the mindfulness series. Both of these serve to increase what has been called our 'psychological capital'; as, of course, does the faith of a believer.

Optimism and pessimism concern how we habitually explain the inevitable good and bad things that happen to us in life. Typically, optimists think that good events spring from beneficial causes that are wide-ranging and long-lasting; causes that are typically of their own making. They are happier people but not necessarily those who you would trust to make big, risky decisions. On the other hand, pessimists believe that malign causes of bad events are similarly wide-ranging and long-lasting and a source of unhappiness. If they also habitually believe that such causes of bad events are their fault, this can increase their unhappiness.

During the summer a four-part trial presentation course, developed from Dr Seligman's book, was presented to around 10 people. This led to the focussing the original material and extending the course to allow more practice of the NICE-approved method.

The first public, taster, session will be held at 3.00 pm in 'The Jubilee', 225 Station Road, Balsall Common, CV7 7FE on 17th January 2019, when participants will have the opportunity to check their own optimism and pessimism with a self-report test. Subsequent sessions will be held on consecutive Thursdays at the same time and place up to and including 14th February. The course is free of charge to the public, but participants will be expected to acquire the book. As before, the content of the course is 'non-religious' and the series will be open to those of all faiths and none. To attend the taster session simply email your interest to the course leader, Dr Hugh McCredie, at wellbeing42@btinternet.com with the subject 'Wellbeing'. This is necessary so that the organisers can gauge the viability of the course. Please encourage your friends to join you in attending