

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Mass Time Sunday 9.30am.

Sunday 1st October 2017 – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you'

Pope's Prayer Intention: Workers and the unemployed – "That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good."

Father Frank: October and the Rosary On the 7 October the Church celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and October is the month of the Rosary and it is a good time, therefore, to renew our devotion to our Lord and our Blessed Lady through this rich source of prayer. We will offer up a decade of the Rosary before the Sunday Mass and after every weekday Mass throughout the month of October. According to tradition, current since the 15th century, the devotion of the Rosary was founded by St. Dominic in the course of his missionary work. Since then many saints have found the Rosary to be an indispensable aid in their spiritual life. I will be happy to help anyone who requires any assistance in learning to pray the Rosary.

Collection 24th September: Loose plate £23.10, Envelopes £65.00, Standing Orders £370.00, **Total £458.10.**

Second Collection Next Sunday for CAFOD.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: Memorial of the Guardian Angels (2nd), St. Thomas Cantilupe (3rd), St. Francis of Assisi (4th), St. Bruno (6th), Our Lady of the Rosary (7th).

Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings: Meditations on the Eucharist, Church and mission continue after Mass this Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our knowledge and love of Christ and his Church and to find peace in the presence of Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. All welcome.

Talks and Discussions on the Faith: The series of talks and discussions on the faith continue this Tuesday evening, beginning at 7.00pm. We will meet in the church hall on Tuesdays after Mass at 6.30pm until the end of Advent. The sessions will last about 45 minutes and will address all aspects of our faith, All are welcome to attend in order to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the Church's teaching, but those preparing for Confirmation (adults and children), or for reception into full Communion with the Church, should attend because these sessions will serve as a means of their formation.

First Friday: On the first Friday of every month it is customary to celebrate a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart. We can still pray the prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart daily and at the monthly Votive Masses. I have printed the prayer below;

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ:

I give and consecrate to the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my whole life, all my actions, my trials, my sufferings, devoting every portion of my being to loving, honouring, and glorifying him, to working for his love alone, renouncing with all my heart whatever may be displeasing to him. I take you, then, O Sacred Heart, for the one object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my inconstancy, the redeemer of all my faults, and my sure refuge in the hour of death. O Heart of all goodness, be my justification before God the Father, and shield me from the effects of his just anger. O Heart, overflowing with love, I place all my confidence in you, for I dread my own weakness, while I hope everything from your goodness. Destroy in me whatever displeases you or goes against your will. May pure love of you be so deeply imprinted in my heart that I may never forget you nor be separated from you. I implore you by all your love that my name be graven upon you. May it be my happiness to live and die as your slave. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Meetings after Sunday Mass: Over the coming weeks I hope to meet briefly with a number of groups after the Sunday Mass in order to discuss matters arising out of the various ministries we exercise in the church community. I look forward to meeting with you on the following dates:

Sunday 8th October: Musicians, choir, organists

Sunday 15th October: Readers

Sunday 22nd October: Servers

Sunday 29th October: Wardens

Sunday 5th November: Eucharistic Ministers

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please feel free to attend the meetings and speak to me.

Counting Rota: We are looking for more volunteers to join our existing teams. Your turn should come around about every six weeks. If you are willing to help please give your name to Bob Jones after Mass.

Get Together: This Wednesday 4 October. Meet at Bracey's Garden Centre for lunch at 12.30pm. Transport to be arranged

Newsletter: Please note that Godfrey Chesshire will be compiling the newsletter from next Sunday.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Monica Pillow, Lily Mae Carr, Mary Keane, Consuelo Ramon, Denise Hamilton, Sister Maria Goretti, Joseph Lockington, Brian Kenny, Canon Peter Taylor, Kevin Lambert, John Aitken, Helen Hopkins, Heather O'Connell, Vincent Webb, Dave & Ian, Teresa Petropoulos, Ian Gibbs, Frances Carroll, Sarah & Martin Dunne, Cat Patton-Kennedy, Father Pat Sayles, Jonathan Ridler, Sister Teresa Moore, Kevin O'Donnell, Mary Murray, Andy Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Ellie Clarke, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Maureen O'Gorman, Dan Webster, Katya O'Donnell.

Anniversaries: Aileen Driffield, Helen Plater.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	1 st October – 9.30am 26 th Sunday Ordinary Time	8 th October – 9.30am 27 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Helen Plater (RIP)	Father Frank Mgr Danny McHugh
Altar Servers:	Matthew, Daniel, Jacob	Kathryn, Hannah, Laura
Wardens:	John Perry, Kathy Jones & Maria Pulley	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner & Christine Plater
Readers:	John Peat & Bysshe Gibbs	Godfey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers:	Monica Green, Eileen Selby & Madeleine Peat	Carol Beck, Nuala Fulham & Joe Martin
Counting:	Chris Burleigh & Martin Sheehy	John Perry & Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Anne Stewart & Val Timms
Flowers:	Maureen Carroll	Maureen Carroll
Children's Liturgy:	Kathryn Driffield & Celine Burley	Celine Burley & Monica Green
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date: Time:	Tuesday 3rd October 6.30pm Mass Followed by Talks and Discussions on the Faith.	Wednesday 4th October 7.00pm Mass St. Francis of Assisi Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction	Thursday 5th October 10.00am Mass	Friday 6th October 10.00am Mass Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
Intention:	Julie Lancaster (RIP)	Becky Hulme (RIP)	Mr & Mrs Connelly	Frank Sydney Smith (RIP)

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please send items to Godfrey Cheshire at godfreycheshire@btinternet.com or call on **01676 532352** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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

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Warwick Catholic Deanery Website www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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CAFOD: It is the Harvest Family Day on Friday 6 October and I will be collecting for CAFOD next Sunday 9 October. Any amount that you can give will be greatly appreciated and will certainly transform lives. Thank you in advance for your continual generosity.

Thank you so much to everyone who gave me teddies or soft toys to go out to war-torn areas of the world. In July, I took a car load bursting at the seams (including your donations) to the "Teddies Trust" in Wales. From there, In August 10,000 teddies and soft toys have been shipped to Syria to towns and villages all over the country. These teddies will bring comfort and hopefully some joy to otherwise very bleak lives. This is an ongoing charity and if anyone would like to support it, then please leave teddies and soft toys at the back of church and I will collect them and take them on the first part of their journey. *Chris Lynn*.

Christmas Raffle: It is coming up to that time of the year once again! Dominic Green will be making an appeal at Mass today – you have been warned!

Parish Quiz Saturday 14 October - 7.00 for 7.30pm: Tables of up to 6 players. £8.00 each player, including 'Fish & Chip Supper'. Bring your own drinks. Please book your table with Godfrey or Linda after mass.

Coffee Evening Friday 13 October: in Our Parish Room at 7.30pm. Admission is 50p. which includes Refreshments. There will be the usual stalls, Cake, Preserves, Presents for All, Christmas Cards, Tombola and Raffle. Contributions for the stalls will be much appreciated and may be brought to the church before the day. Do put the date in your dairy and do tell your friends. It is always a very enjoyable evening. All proceeds will go towards the youngsters going to Lourdes next Easter with Group 83.

Harvest Celebration: This year's celebration in thanksgiving for the gifts of the harvest will be at mass on Sunday 15th October. As in previous years, parishioners are invited to donate items to a charity to be distributed to those in need - this year our donations will be given to Helping Hands Food Bank in Solihull. Children and young people (and even the not-so-young!) are invited to decorate a box with a harvest theme, so that the donations can be put in boxes and brought in during church.

Please bring your donation of any of the following to mass on 15th October - even one item will make a difference to a family in need. Tins: stew, casseroles, soup, corned beef, chicken or steak pies, Spam, fish, vegetables, puddings, baked beans. Packets: tea bags, long-life milk, sugar, breakfast cereal, biscuits, pasta, rice. Jars: pasta sauce, sandwich spread, jam. No fresh vegetables or other perishable items, please.

Photos and articles wanted: Do you have any photos of parish events this year? Would you like to write a few words about an event or part of parish life? We are already looking for items to go in our seasonal Christmas newsletter, in an attempt to avoid the usual last-minute rush! Please email any items to Ian Clarke at: iehclarke@btinternet.com.

Fatima News Friday 13 October marks the centenary of Our Lady's last apparition and great miracle at Fatima. St Peter's, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year and there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **9.30am to 12.20pm and 5pm to 6pm**. This will be the last chance to gain the special indulgence when you visit St Peter's on that day. There will be a special votive Mass for Our Lady of Fatima at **12.30pm**. Please see the pilgrim leaflet by the Fatima display area opposite the piety shop for details of the indulgence and other resources. For other information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk