

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"They do not practice what they preach"*

**Pope's Prayer Intention: Workers and the unemployed** – "That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions."

**Father Frank:** *November is the month the Church especially remembers to pray for the dead. Remembrance Sunday is next week when we will pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have lost their lives as a result of war and we continue to pray for our deceased loved ones throughout the month of November. Scriptures and the Church teach that we can help the departed through the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them consequently Masses will be offered up for the Holy Souls of our loved ones over the course of November. If you wish for your loved ones to be included in these prayers please find envelopes for your prayer intentions and offerings at the back of the church. Please write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope and place them, with your offering, in the tray in front of the altar.*

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** St Willibrord (7<sup>th</sup>), Blessed George Napier (8<sup>th</sup>), Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (9<sup>th</sup>), Pope St Leo the Great (10<sup>th</sup>), St Martin of Tours (11<sup>th</sup>).

**Collection 29<sup>th</sup> October:** Loose plate £95.25, Envelopes £92.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£557.25**. There will be a second collection today for the Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy).

**Millennium Breakfast:** Our next Breakfast No 64, will be on **Sunday, 19th of November**. Everyone is welcome, and we hope you will enjoy the warm Croissant, Toast, Jam, Tea, Coffee and Orange Juice. Fr Ed O'Connell has spent many years helping the people of Lima in Peru. Many people live in extreme poverty and in consequence they have health problems. He is dealing with social and community problems that are not provided by the state.

**Youth Group:** BRG will be hosting Youth Group during November. All secondary school pupils are welcome to join us in the car park at 6.30pm this evening, when we will be making s'mores on a campfire (weather permitting!).

**Lourdes:** Chris & Maureen have returned from their week in Lourdes. They and the people who went with them (15 in total) had a very happy, prayerful and fulfilling week together. They remembered you all and lit a candle for you all. They placed your petitions in The Grotto and lit your candles. If anyone would like some Lourdes Water, please do mention it to Chris or Maureen.

**Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham needs a Chief Operating Officer.** Salary: £80,000 - £100,000. Location: Birmingham. Further details see notice board or phone **0113 205 6089**. Closing date: **Monday 20th November 2017**.

**Administrator/Receptionist** required at Princethorpe College. Monday-Friday 8.00am-4.30pm, also possibility as part time job-share. £17,500- 20,000 (full time equivalent). Closing date 9.00am 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Further details and application form [www.princethorpe.co.uk/employment-opportunities](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk/employment-opportunities)

**Journey to Justice.** A CAFOD Retreat exploring how the life and work of Oscar Romero can inspire and challenge us and transform our world. **10am-4pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Columbans Centre, Blyth Hall, Widney Manor Road, Solihull, B93 9AB. Call **0303 303 3030** to book your free place.

**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** continue on Tuesday after the 6.30pm Mass.

**Evangelisation Team.** The next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is tomorrow, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 share the Good News. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

**Meetings after Sunday Mass:** Over the past few weeks I have been grateful to meet 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 the Eucharistic Ministers today and next Sunday – the Counting Teams (established counters and those who have just volunteered to go on the rota. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please feel free to attend the meetings and speak to me.

**Meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers immediately after Mass today**

**Columbans Centenary** We are all invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Columban mission on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 11.00am at St Catherine of Siena church, Birmingham. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments. If you would like to attend please send your name, address and contact telephone number to: [sharinggospel\\_joy@columbans.co.uk](mailto:sharinggospel_joy@columbans.co.uk)

**Crackley Hall Nursery and Reception.** Open Evening Wednesday 22 November between 7.00-8.00pm. See poster and leaflets at the back of church for further details

**Balsall Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan.** The Plan is currently underway and during the month of November every household in Balsall Parish and Balsall Common will receive a Household Questionnaire which we would encourage them to complete and return in the Freepost envelope to Stratford-Upon-Avon District Council. The questionnaire seeks their ideas and opinions on a variety of issues within the Balsall Parish and Balsall Common area. Their ideas and opinions will create the Balsall Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. A planning policy document which will state which community facilities should be developed, upgraded or enhanced from 2019 to 2033.

**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](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com).

**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, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Maureen O'Gorman, Dan Webster, Katya O'Donnell.

**Lately Dead:** Peter Purnell (*Solihull Catenians*).

**Anniversaries:** Fr Anthony Brisland, Jack Cambridge Lilian Carroll, Margaret Cunningham, Cathy Doolan, Elinor McGinn, James McGovern, Eric Restall, Canon Patrick Smith (*former Parish Priest of this Parish*).

## This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am	12 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Day:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Remembrance Sunday Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Lilian Carroll RIP	John Molloy
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	tba	tba
<b>Wardens:</b>	Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley	Kevin & Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat
<b>Readers:</b>	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka	David Green & Greg Hobbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Carol Beck Charles Keane & Eileen Selby	Monica Green John McLellan & Joe Martin
<b>Counting:</b>	Maureen Carroll & Jean Henser	McSorley Family
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Margaret & Chris Burleigh	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire Claire Keane	Mary Sharp & Anne O'Brien
<b>Flowers:</b>	Chris Mitchell	Grace Brennan
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Monica Green & Louise Perry	Jane Devoy & Celine Burley
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Time:</b>	6.30pm Mass	7.00pm Mass	10.00am Mass
		Solemnity of All the Saints	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
	Followed by talks and Discussion on the Faith	Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction At 8.00 pm	
<b>Intention:</b>	Those Preparing for Confirmation	For the Holy Souls of our deceased loved ones	For the Holy Souls of our deceased loved ones

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

**Contributions for the Bulletin:** Please send items to Godfrey Chesshire at [godfreycheshire@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk)

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