

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 9th July 2017 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'I am gentle and humble of heart'

Pope's Prayer Intention: Lapsed Christians - 'That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.'

Father Frank: What great condescension and humility is revealed in the Gospel today. The Master comes to console his fallen servants. He shows us pity when we deserve punishment - he addresses the guilty ones with words of kindness and compassion: "Come, learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart." God is humble; we are proud. He bends low in order to raise us up. We can see his gentleness and humility from what he has become. Heaven is his throne, yet he walks among us on the earth in order that we might know his healing and peace and find rest for our souls.

Collection 2 July: Loose plate £85.50, Envelopes £104.00, Standing Orders £355.00, **Total £544.50.**

Second collection Today: There will be a Second collection today for the **Apostleship of the Sea.**

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St. Benedict (11th), St. Elizabeth (4th), St. Maria Goretti (6th), St. Bonaventure (15th).

Churches Together Youth Group: Youth Group meets next Sunday at our Church, 6.30pm to 7.45 pm. This is open to all Secondary School Children, as well as those in Year 6. All welcome.

Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings: Meditations on the Eucharist, Church and mission continue after Mass on Wednesdays. This Wednesday we reflect on the significance of the altar in church and on our ascent to the heavenly places in and through the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist. 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.

Free training for Catechists: The Catenians are offering to cover the fees of training to be a Catechist in the parish. Once trained you would prepare candidates for First Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Fr Frank if you are interested.

Rosary Rally: There will be a Rosary Rally on Sunday 27th August commencing with Mass at 2.00pm at Mount St Bernard's Abbey, Leicestershire. Please see the poster in the porch for further details.

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter for homeless people, is opening in September. Could you volunteer as a host or mentor? Please come along to an open evening this Thursday 13 July, 6-9pm, at St Anne's Catholic Church, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham B12 0PY. Contact Christy Acton on 01675 434064 to find out more.

Millennium Breakfast: No.63 next week. The usual fare of hot croissants, toast, jam, orange juice, tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome and it is a chance for our community to meet for a chat and also to welcome new parishioners to our Church. Donations will be sent to Fr. Ed O'Connell (a Columban Priest) who has spent most his life helping the poor people of Lima, Peru. Our parish has been helping Fr Ed. since 2000.

Balsall Volunteer Transport Service. Since it was formed in 1988 the BVTS has been helping local people by taking them to hospitals and various medical clinics in the area for appointments they would otherwise find difficult to attend due to lack of public transport. With the relocation of the Balsall Common Health Centre, the withdrawal of the bus service and taxi bus, the service has been under increasing pressure to satisfy the requests it receives. It is felt that the BVTS provides a worthwhile service to the local community and health service, which has proved successful due to a much-needed demand and the kind, caring qualities of its drivers. There is a desperate need of new drivers – it is totally voluntary so your commitment can be to suit you – perhaps just one trip a week, or even one a month would be much

appreciated. Drivers are asked to donate their time but as the service is run on voluntary donations from passengers the service can reimburse fuel costs to drivers. If you think you might be able to help and would like to know more please contact Michal or **Jessica Hudson on 02476 466220, Edna Quinton-Tulloch on 01676 535758 or Margaret Royle on 01676 532592.**

Electrical Testing: The electrician will be in church all day Thursday 13 July from 9am. to carry out Periodic testing. Please be aware when entering and leaving the church.

For Sale: Electric reclining chair, mink coloured draylon, free to collect from Chris Mitchell – 07742 288722.

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, Beryl Mound, 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, Packie McArdle.

Anniversaries: Fr. Anthony Maguire, Audrey Quigley, Sydney Burley, Peter Kelly, Isabel Kuzminski.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	9th July – 9.30am	16th July – 9.30am
Day:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	People of the Parish, Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church	Private Intention, Anniversary of the Martyrdom of our Patron, Blessed Robert Grissold
Altar Servers:	Matthew, Daniel, Jacob	Kathryn, Hannah, Laura
Wardens:	Kevin & Sue McGovern, & Madeleine Peat	Bysse & Judith Gibbs, & Helen Woods
Readers:	John & Louise Perry	Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eileen Selby, Stefan Hunka & John McLellan	John & Louise Perry, & Joe Martin
Counting:	Ciaran McSorley & Bernard Hammond	Bob & Kathy Jones
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Millennium Breakfast
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Kathy Jones	Kathy Jones
Children's Liturgy:	Louise & Kathryn	Kathryn & Louise
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

This week's services

Date:	Tues. 11th July	Wed. 12th July	Thursday 13th July
Time:	10.00 am Mass	7.00 pm Mass	10.00 am Mass
	Feast of St. Benedict, Patron of Europe	followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations and	

Intention:	Margaret Bixby (RIP)	Benediction (Private Intention)	Fr. Bernard Maddox (RIP)	
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Parish Room: *MUST be booked with Louise Perry* – Tel **01676 533357**.

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please send items to John Perry at jlgperry@btinternet.com or call on **01676 533357** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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

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