

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The bridegroom is here. Go out and meet him."*

**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:** *Today's Gospel reading reminds us to stay alert, to pay attention to the demands of the Gospel. Vigilance is nourished by hope and St Paul reminds us that the basis of this hope is the conviction that Jesus has risen from the dead. Hope enables to leap over the barrier of a life imprisoned by death. Our hope in the resurrection affirms a life that knows no end. Eternal life starts here and now. It is the life we encounter and celebrate in and through the Eucharist.*

**Month of Remembrance.** November is the month the Church especially remembers to pray for the dead. Today is Remembrance Sunday when we 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 the sanctuary.

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** St Albert the Great (15<sup>th</sup>), St Margaret of Scotland (16<sup>th</sup>), St Hilda (17<sup>th</sup>),

**Collection 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Loose plate £78.58, Envelopes £67.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£515.58**

The collection for the Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy) raised **£102.07**. Thank you.

**Gift Aid Donations 2016/17.** The usual letters from the Gift Aid Office have not yet been received. If anyone needs details of their donations for the year to 5th April 2017, e.g. for Tax Returns etc, please contact **John McLellan** (Phone **01676 533657**).

**HCPT 1:** The total for The Coffee Evening held on October 13th. is now £1,343.43. This is due to some late donations. Sincere thanks to all for your generosity and support, which is much appreciated. Group 83 will remember you all when in Lourdes next Easter.

**JCPT 2:** Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars will be on sale as from this Sunday until December 24th. All proceeds will go towards the expenses of Group 83.

**Father Sebastian Arikat** sends his good wishes to you all from Canada. He is well and very busy. He has many people helping him.

**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.

**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**.

**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

**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 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 speak to me.

**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). Just a reminder that if you would like to go to the Special Mass please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

**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

**Anniversaries:** Michael Cronin, Martin Fitzgerald, Walter Foxon, Jean Graves, Ann Greenwood.

**Recently dead:** Father Patrick O'Sullivan.

*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

|                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>       | 12 <sup>th</sup> November                  | 19 <sup>th</sup> November                          |
| <b>Day:</b>                   | 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time   | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time           |
| <b>Celebrant:</b>             | Remembrance Sunday<br>Father Frank         | Father Frank                                       |
| <b>Intention:</b>             | John Molloy                                | Peter & Jean Clarke RIP                            |
| <b>Altar Servers:</b>         | tba  | tba  |
| <b>Wardens:</b>               | Kevin & Sue McGovern<br>Madeleine Peat     | Bysshe & Judith Gibbs<br>Helen Woods               |
| <b>Readers:</b>               | John McLellan & James Green                | David Green & Greg Hobbs                           |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Monica Green<br>John McLellan & Joe Martin | Godfrey Chesshire<br>Teresa Green & Madeleine Peat |
| <b>Counting:</b>              | McSorley Family                            | Chris Burleigh & Martin Sheehy                     |
| <b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>      | Bysshe & Judith Gibbs                      | Anne Stewart & Val Timms                           |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>              | Chris & Margaret Burleigh                  | Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham                    |
| <b>Flowers:</b>               | Grace Brennan                              | Grace Brennan                                      |
| <b>Children's Liturgy:</b>    | Louise Perry & Claire Keane                | Jane Devoy & Celine Burley                         |
| <b>Music:</b>                 | Linda Chesshire                            | Ian & Ellie Clarke                                 |

### This week's services

|                   |  |  |   |
|-------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Date:</b>      | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November                | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November  | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                    |
| <b>Time:</b>      | 6.30pm Mass                                      | 7.00pm Mass<br>Solemnity of All the Saints   | 10.00am Mass<br>Dedication<br>of the Lateran Basilica |
|                   | Followed by talks and<br>Discussion on the Faith | Followed by Exposition of the<br>Blessed Sacrament,<br>Meditations & Benediction<br>At 8.00 pm |   |
| <b>Intention:</b> | Marie Moore RIP                                  | Teresa Moore RIP   | For the Holy Souls of our<br>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: *Rev'd Father Frank Smith* Tel: 07512 100908 Email: [frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk)

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216. Parish website: [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)

Warwick Catholic Deanery Website [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)