

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 15th October 2017 – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He will lease the vineyard to other tenants"

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: *In the scriptures today we hear references to the "banquet" that is the Kingdom of God. The invitation to the Kingdom is open to all, not just to the prosperous and respectable - not just to people who have "farms, "businesses" and who often put their interests ahead of the Kingdom, but also to those who have no home, no steady employment, no businesses - the poor and the outcasts, those who are not respected. Such is God's love, freely lavished upon all his creatures, "good and bad" alike. This is the love lavished upon us in the banquet of the Eucharist - the "wedding feast" of the Kingdom of God where God gathers his creation to himself in order that it may be one with him.*

October and the Rosary: On the 7th October the Church celebrated 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 8th October: Loose plate £, Envelopes £, Standing Orders £, **Total £tba.**

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St Margaret Mary Alacoque (16th), St Ignatius of Antioch (17th), St Luke (18th), St Frideswide (19th).

Please note there will be no Mass on Tuesday this week. I have transferred my day off this week from Monday to Tuesday in order to give us the chance to celebrate St Margaret Mary's feast day on Monday 16th at 10.00am. St Margaret Mary received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, through Christ working in her, devotion to the Sacred Heart has spread throughout the world. A relic of St Margaret Mary was placed in the altar of our church at its consecration.

Columbans' Centenary. We are all invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Columban mission on Saturday 25th 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: sharing gospeljoy@columbans.co.uk

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 will resume on Tuesday 31st October after the 6.30pm Mass.

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 15th October: Readers

Sunday 29th October: Wardens

Sunday 22nd October: Servers

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.

Meeting for the readers immediately after Mass today

HCPT 1: Very many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Evening on Friday. It was very much appreciated. The final total will be in next week's bulletin, hopefully.

HCPT 2: *Chris Mitchell & Maureen Carroll* are going to Lourdes next Friday. They and their group will be staying in Hosanna House which is situated about 3 miles from Lourdes. They return the following Friday. They are willing to take your petitions and will light a candle for you if you so wish; £5 per candle. Please may they have them by Wednesday. Thank you. Chris now lives at 82 Balsall Street East.

One World Week: The theme this year is *'My world depends on you', when* we are encouraged to explore how we can become good neighbours, both locally and globally. The Dinner will be held here at Blessed Robert Grissold Church this coming **Friday, 20th October at 7.30pm**. The Speaker will be *Godfrey Armitage* from A Rocha UK, a Christian Charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world. He is also Coventry Diocesan Environmental Officer. Tickets for the Buffet Dinner, supplied by Bengal Brasserie, are £12.50 per person and are available from *Godfrey Chesshire* after mass today.

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.

St George & St Teresa Catholic Primary School

Open Mornings

Thursday 19th October 2017 - 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Friday 3rd November 2017 - 9.30 am - 11.00 am

St George and St Teresa Catholic Primary School would like to welcome prospective parents who have children due to start in the Nursery or Reception Class in September 2018.

We are a happy and successful school, committed to providing the highest quality of education possible within a strong Catholic ethos. At St George and St Teresa School, we believe that children should live and learn in a happy, secure and stimulating environment, a place where they are valued as individuals, encouraged to grow in self-esteem and given the opportunities they deserve to reach their potential.

From September 2017 our school is offering the additional government entitlement of 30 hours free Early Years education each week. The first 15 hours free early education will be provided in the Nursery department of our school. The further 15 hours, which is subject to employment criteria, will be offered in our extended day care in Dragons and will follow the EYFS statutory guidance in conjunction with our Nursery.

Please come and see us and we will provide you with an opportunity to see our wonderful school and to ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to make this date, or have any other questions or queries regarding the admissions process, please just get in touch – we'll be more than happy to help.

Interested in a place in Nursery this year – we have limited availability.

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: Victoria Branson, Margaret Cross, Clare Given, Lily Hammond, Mary Jay, Michael Kenny, Jean Mitchell, Chris Pugh.

Lately Dead: Ruth Williams (resident, the Court of Lady Katherine Leveson).

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	15 th October – 9.30am	22 nd October – 9.30am
Day:	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Harvest Thanksgiving Alex Abell RIP	People of the Parish
Altar Servers:	tba	tba
Wardens:	Ian & Fran Lester Alan Devoy	Christine Harris Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons
Readers:	Bysshe Gibbs	Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham
Eucharistic Ministers:	Godfrey Chesshire Mike Fairbrother & Teresa Green	Stefan Hunka Charles Keane & Eileen Selby
Counting:	Keane Family	Devoy Family
Tea & Coffee:	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
Children's Liturgy:	Jane Devoy & Kathryn Driffield	Monica Green & Louise Perry
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date:	Monday, 16th October	Wednesday 18th October	Thursday 19th October
Time:	10.00am Mass	7.00pm Mass	10.00am Mass
Intention:	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	St Luke Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction At 8.00pm	Those preparing for Confirmation

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 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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