

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 16th July 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'A sower went out to sow.'

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: Today is the anniversary of the martyrdom of our Patron, Blessed Robert Grissold. Robert Grissold was born around 1575 in Rowington to a Catholic family. When he grew up he became the servant of Mr. Sheldon of Broadway, Worcestershire, in whose service he probably met the priest Fr. John Sugar. Fr. Sugar was once an Anglican priest but, having been received into the Catholic church, went to the English College at Douai to be formed for the Catholic priesthood. Robert and Fr. John came to Rowington and on Sunday 8th July 1603 they were captured in a lane near Baddesley. Both were offered their freedom if they would conform to the Church of England - both refused. On the 16th July both men were taken to Gallow's Hill, outside Warwick, and were executed. Robert was buried beneath the gallows. Almighty God, you gave to John Sugar and Robert Grissold the joy of sharing in the suffering of your only Son, may the lives of your holy ones inspire us to greater endeavour in the service of your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collection 9 July: Loose plate £64.22, Envelopes £89.00, Standing Orders £355.00, **Total £508.22.**

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: Blessed John Sugar, Robert Grissold (17th), St. Kenelm (17th), St. Apollinaris (20th), St. Lawrence (21st), St. Mary Magdalene (22nd).

Churches Together Youth Group: Youth Group meets tonight 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 on the noticeboard for further details.

Millennium Breakfast: No.63 Today after Mass. 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**.

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: Richard Brennan, Howard Peat.

This Week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	16th July – 9.30am	23rd July – 9.30am
Day:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Private Intention, Anniversary of the Martyrdom of our Patron, Blessed Robert Grissold	Richard Bunt (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Kathryn, Hannah, Laura	Tom, Nathan, James
Wardens:	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs, & Helen Woods	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler, & Chris Mitchell
Readers:	Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham	Mary Sharp & David Bixby
Eucharistic Ministers:	John & Louise Perry, & Joe Martin	Godfrey Chesshire, Mike Fairbrother, & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Bob & Kathy Jones	Kevin & Sue McGovern
Tea & Coffee:	Millennium Breakfast	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
Cleaning:	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monic Green
Flowers:	Kathy Jones	Linda Chesshire
Children’s Liturgy:	Kathryn & Louise	School Holidays
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

This week’s services

Date:	Tues. 18th July	Wed. 19th July	Thursday 20th July	
Time:	10.00 am Mass	7.00 pm Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations and	10.00 am Mass	

Intention:	Private Intention	Benediction Mrs. Willmott	Father Tom Rock	
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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 jpgperry@btinternet.com or call on **01676 533357** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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