

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“You have shown you can be faithful in small things, come and join in your master’s happiness”*

**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:** *In today’s Gospel we hear of a man who returned everything he had ever been given to his master - and yet he was censured. He was blamed, not for misusing the gifts he had been given, but rather for not having used them at all. This Gospel passage encourages us to reflect on how we use the gifts and talents we have received from God. The Parable of the Talents teaches us that true religion - a true response to Christ’s call to be his disciples - involves risk, adventure and enterprise. To use God-given gifts and talents aright is to share in the joy of the kingdom.*

**Month of Remembrance.** November is the month the Church especially remembers to pray for the dead. On Remembrance Sunday we prayed 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:** Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (21<sup>st</sup>), St Cecilia (22<sup>nd</sup>), St Andrew Dung-Lac (24<sup>th</sup>).

**Collection 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Loose plate £78.24, Envelopes £104.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£552.24**. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services.

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**Millennium Breakfast:** Our next Breakfast, no 64, is today. 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.

**The CTBB Youth Group** will be meeting at Blessed Robert Grissold this evening from 6.30 until 7.45. We will be conducting a Magic & Miracles Workshop. All secondary school students are welcome to come along and learn how to perform their own cool magic tricks (which they will be able to take away and practise at home!) It’s free to attend and there will be refreshments available.

**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**).

'Walk with Me' Booklets at £1 each, together with the Children's Calendars, are available from today.

**Christmas Goodies Sale.** After mass Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Including mince pies, pickled onions, mincemeat, chutneys, small Christmas cakes and gifts. Proceeds for Parish funds.

**HCPT:** Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars are on sale until 24<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds will go towards the expenses of Group 83.

**Quiet reflection on the miracle of the Eucharist Mass,** as is usual on a Wednesday, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with meditations on the Holy Eucharist and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00 p.m. In our busy lives it is essential to come apart with Christ from time to time - to be with him, to wait upon him and to listen for his voice speaking in the depths of our hearts.

**Talks and Discussions on the Faith** continue on Tuesday after the 6.30pm Mass

**"Eucharist & the Family" days:** Over the next few months around the Archdiocese of Birmingham, there will be a day consisting of keynote speakers and workshops, in preparation for two large events next year in the life of the Church: the **World Meeting of Families** (21st - 26th Aug) and the **Adoremus: Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress** (7th - 9th Sept) 2018. The days begin at 10am and finish at 3.30pm and our prayer is that attendees will return to their parishes with a greater love for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and a desire to share that particularly with families in the parish. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration during the day and people are asked to bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Paul Northam at [fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or Sr Gillian Murphy at [parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk) or call 0121 360 8118.

St JP II Centre, **BICESTER** 25th Nov | Holy Trinity, **NEWCASTLE** 9th Dec |

St George, **WORCESTER** 20th Jan | Christ the King, **COVENTRY** 3rd Feb |

Our Lady of Lourdes, **HEDNESFORD** 24th Feb | Maryvale Institute, **BIRMINGHAM** 24th Mar |

**Columbans' Centenary** We are all invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Columban mission next 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:** Jean Clarke, Peggy Garnham, Susan Hall, Jack Harper, Gladys, Holmes, Kim Kiernan, Joseph Martin, Mary Reid, Mary Slattery.

**Recently dead:** Veronica Murphy, (friend of Maureen and a very loyal supporter of Group 83 for over 30 years); Melanie Chalklen (local resident).

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

**Contributions for the Bulletin:** Please send items to Godfrey Cheshire 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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Warwick Catholic Deanery Website [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November	26 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Day:</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Tim	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Peter & Jean Clarke RIP	Jack McLean RIP
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	tba	tba
<b>Wardens:</b>	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs Helen Woods	Joe Martin Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
<b>Readers:</b>	David Green & Greg Hobbs	Tony Cotterill & Lesley Ritchie
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Godfrey Chesshire Teresa Green & Madeleine Peat	Maureen Carroll Nuala Fulham & Stefan Hunka
<b>Counting:</b>	Chris Burleigh & Martin Sheehy	John Perry Nuala Fulham Veronica & Skuli Thorvardson
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Anne Stewart & Val Timms
<b>Flowers:</b>	Grace Brennan	Joan Mclean
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Jane Devoy & Celine Burley	Claire Keane & Louise Perry
<b>Music:</b>	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Time:</b>	6.30pm Mass Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00pm Mass St Cecilia	10.00am Mass
	Followed by talks and Discussion on the Faith	Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction At 8.00 pm	In thanksgiving for the Columbans in their Centenary year
<b>Intention:</b>	For the Holy Souls of our deceased loved ones	For the Holy Souls of our deceased loved ones	