

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*'Woman, you have great faith.'*

**Pope's Prayer Intention: Artists** – 'That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation'.

**Father Frank:** Today's Gospel shows how the Good News of God's Kingdom is for everyone - no one is excluded, for all are equal before God. We must not fall into a narrow-minded mentality where we are inclined to think that we are private owners of the Gospel and to identify our customs and culture with Jesus' message. In the Gospel today Jesus acknowledges the faith of the woman whose customs and culture are far different to those of the community that Matthew is addressing in his Gospel. Jesus not only acknowledges her faith with admiration and joy he also presents her as a model to believers.

**Collection 13<sup>th</sup> August:** Loose plate £62.24, Envelopes £125.00, Standing Orders £370.00, **Total £557.24.**

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** St. Pius X, Pope, (21st), Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (22nd), St. John Wall (23rd), St. Bartholomew, Apostle (24th), Blessed Dominic Barberi (26th).

**Masses this week** Please note the Masses for Tuesday 10.00am, Wednesday 7.00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Meditations, and the Thursday morning Mass at 10.00am.

**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 proclamation of the Good News in the Mass and how genuine Christian thought is rooted in the Eucharistic assembly of the Church in which the Spirit of God guides the Church into all truth. 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:** A series of talks and discussions on the faith begin in September and continue until Advent. We will meet after an evening Mass each Thursday. The sessions will last about 45 minutes and will address all aspects of our faith. All are welcome to attend but those preparing for Confirmation or for reception into full Communion with the Church should attend because these sessions will serve as a means of their formation.

**Rosary Rally:** There will be a Rosary Rally next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August commencing with Mass at 2.00pm at Mount St Bernard's Abbey, Leicestershire. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

**HCPT Coffee Evening** – The next coffee evening will be held on Friday 13 October at church. More details to follow soon.

**Millenium Project 'The Bottle':** the money collected in our Bottle was counted and amounted to £110 which will go to the Columban Fathers. Thanks to Carol and Sue.

**Respected Parish Priest:** I am Fr. Sijo Jose Arikkat, Grand Nephew of Fr. Sebastian Arikkat. I had visited there earlier in 2008 and celebrated Holy Mass for the Parishioners community. I happened to see this website while doing my work and was happy to remember all of you. I would also like to convey my prayers and regards to all especially those who are sick and in need of prayers. Hope they might remember me. I am now in a parish named Vellanikode, Archdiocese of Trichur, India. On August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine in my parish. Do keep us in prayers too. Also you might have known about Fr. Sebastian who has become the Monsignor (Vicar General) of Canada. Keep him too in your prayers. God bless you all.

**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.**

**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.

**Anniversaries:** Shirley Thomas, Osmund Hayhurst, Norman Tatum, Betty Commins, Jean Jaques Viset, Margaret Scott, Jack Cotterill.

**This Week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Nida Collins (RIP)	Jack Cotterill (RIP)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Matthew, Daniel, Jacob	Kathryn, Hannah, Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	Dominic Green, Christine Harris, & Irene Gibbons	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley & John McLellan
<b>Readers:</b>	Tony Cotterill & Leslie Ritchie	Raymond Ritchie & Hannah Clarke
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Monica Green, Teresa Green & John McLellan	John & Louise Perry, & Madeleine Peat
<b>Counting:</b>	Charles Keane	Veronica & Skuli Thorvardardson
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Margaret & Chris Burleigh	Cheshire Family
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Ann Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
<b>Flowers:</b>	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>	School Holidays	School Holidays
<b>Music:</b>	Kathryn Green	No Music

**This week’s services**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	10.00am Mass Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00pm Mass Feast of St. John Wall Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations and Benediction	10.00am Mass St. Bartholomew, Apostle	

<b>Intention:</b>	People of the Parish	Private Intention	Michael Joyce (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](mailto:jlgperry@btinternet.com) or call on **01676 533357** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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