

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar"*

**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 today's Gospel we find two questions: one put to Christ by the Pharisees and the other put to them by Jesus. The Pharisees question: "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" is born of religion which is the counterfeit of faith and concerns this world alone; whilst Christ's question, concerning the image the coinage of the day bears, speaks of the otherness of the Kingdom of God which is breaking into this world with his presence and makes demands, often taxing demands, upon us. For in his reference to the image on the coin Jesus is reminding his hearers of the image we bear deep in our being, or should bear, for scripture teaches that we have been made in "the image of God." And so we are to be detached, to readily give back to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar, to let go of the things of this world that bear the impress of this fallen world, but we, who are made in the image of God, are to give ourselves to him, for we belong to him.*

**October and the Rosary:** On the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** St John of Capestrano (23<sup>rd</sup>), St Anthony Mary Claret (24<sup>th</sup>), St Cedd (26<sup>th</sup>), Ss Simon & Jude (28<sup>th</sup>).

**Tuesday's Mass:** Please note that the Mass on Tuesday is at 10.00 am this week. It will revert to 6.30pm next week when the Confirmation preparation resumes.

**Collection 15<sup>th</sup> October:** Loose plate £60.55, Envelopes £67.00, Standing Orders £330.00, **Total £457.55.**

**Parish Quiz:** Thanks to all who attended last week's event. Winners and losers, all appeared to have enjoyed this annual general knowledge test, and we raised **£187.50.** Well done!

**CAFOD.** Last week's collection raised **£308.75.** Thank you.

**HCPT:** The result at the moment is **£1,287. 43**, which includes donations, receipts before the evening and sale of goods after mass on Sunday. A wonderful result, which is due to your support and greatly appreciated. You will all be remembered by all in Group 83 when in Lourdes at Easter next year. One raffle prize has yet to be claimed – blue ticket, 426-430. If you have this, please contact Maureen after her return from Lourdes on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**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.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is offered on the last Thursday of every month. All those who are challenged by their suffering in body, mind or spirit are welcome to receive this sacrament of Christ's healing. This is a practice which dates back to the earliest Church and is encouraged in scripture, where it is written: 'Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.'

**Talks and Discussions on the Faith** will resume on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October after the 6.30pm Mass.

**St George & St Teresa Catholic Primary School**  
**Open Morning**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Millennium Breakfast:** Our next, No 64, will be on Sunday 19th November. There will be the exciting fare of warm croissants, toast, tea, coffee, orange juice etc. Everyone is welcome so please come along and meet new parishioners.

**Meetings after Sunday Mass:** Over the last few weeks I have been meeting 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:

Today: Servers: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Warden: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 altar servers immediately 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](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, Ellie Clarke, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Maureen O'Gorman, Dan Webster, Katya O'Donnell.

**Anniversaries:** Frank Britt, Irene Hunka, Harold Jones, Catherine Moylan.

**Lately Dead:** .

## This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 9.30am	29 <sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	People of the Parish	
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	tba	tba
<b>Wardens:</b>	Christine Harris Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons	Ciaran McSorley Celine Burley & John McLellan
<b>Readers:</b>	Alan Devoy & Nuala Fulham	Mary Sharp & David Bixby
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Stefan Hunka Charles Keane & Eileen Selby	Mike Fairbrother John & Louise Perry
<b>Counting:</b>	Devoy Family	Bob & Cathy Jones
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Selby Family	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monica Green
<b>Flowers:</b>	Pam Martin	Chris Mitchell
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Monica Green & Louise Perry	Half Term
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>
<b>Intention:</b>		Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction At 8.00 pm	With the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

**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.

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