

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 23rd July 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Let them both grow till the harvest.'

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: The thirteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel presents several parables on the Kingdom. All of them emphasise the presence of the Kingdom of God in history - a presence which involves a process. In the parable of the wheat and the darnel Jesus teaches us that that the enemy of souls is at work in the world, seeking to destroy the good seed sown by Christ. It also teaches us how difficult it is to distinguish between those who are in the Kingdom and those who are not and that, therefore, we should not judge others, for God will give the definitive judgement in the end.

Collection 16 July: Loose plate £112.70, Envelopes £83.00, Standing Orders £355.00, **Total £550.70.**

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St. James, (25th), Saints Joachim and Anne, (26th), St. Martha (29th).

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: The total raised for our 63rd breakfast last week amounted to £205.10.

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, 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: Gary Patterson, Janina Shakespeare, Tommy Casey.

Lately Dead: Basil Whittam, a long life resident of Balsall Common, Beryl Mound, friend of the Cheshire family.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	23 rd July – 9.30am	30 th July – 9.30am
Day:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Richard Bunt (RIP)	Bernadette Reilly (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Tom, Nathan, James	Matthew, Daniel, Jacob
Wardens:	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell	Joh Perry, Kathy Jones & Maria Pulley
Readers:	Mary Sharp & David Bixby	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka
Eucharistic Ministers:	Godfrey Cheshire, Mike Fairbrother, & Carol Beck	Maureen Carroll, Teresa Green & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Kevin & Sue McGovern	Maureen Carroll & Jean Henser
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	G & L. Cheshire & Charles Keane
Flowers:	Linda Cheshire	Linda Cheshire
Children's Liturgy:	School Holidays	School Holidays
Music:	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

This week's services

Date:	Tues. 25 th July	Wed. 26 th July	Thursday 27 th July	
Time:	10.00 am Mass Feast of St. James the Apostle	No Mass	No Mass	
Intention:	Frank Clements (RIP)			

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 or call on 01676 533357 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

Priest: *Revd Father Frank Smith* Tel: 07512 100908 Email: frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk

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