

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*'Why be envious because I am generous.'*

**Pope's Prayer Intention: Artists** – "That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen."

**Father Frank:** Today's Gospel goes to the heart of Jesus' message and his revelation of God's free and gratuitous love. Pope St. John Paul II reminds us of Christ's teaching in this parable when he says that the right to work is a manifestation of the right to life. This fundamental right is not respected when a society and its legal order do not provide full employment for its people in the name of economic laws which coincide only with the profit and privilege of a few. God's free and gratuitous love respects the dignity and equality of all and encourages us to do the same.

**Collection 17th September:** Loose plate £, Envelopes £, Standing Orders £370.00, **Total £.**

**Second Collection Today:** for Father Hudson's Society.

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** Ss. Cosmas & Damian (26th), St. Vincent de Paul (27th), Ss. Wenceslaus & Lawrence (28th), Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (29th), St. Jerome (30th).

**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.

**Talks and Discussions on the Faith:** The series of talks and discussions on the faith continue this Tuesday evening, beginning at 7.00pm. We will meet in the church hall on Tuesdays after Mass at 6.30pm until the end of Advent. The sessions will last about 45 minutes and will address all aspects of our faith, All are welcome to attend in order to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the Church's teaching, but those preparing for Confirmation (adults and children), or for reception into full Communion with the Church, should attend because these sessions will serve as a means of their formation.

**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.'

**Parish Quiz Saturday 14 October** - 7.00 for 7.30pm: Tables of up to 6 players. £8.00 each player, including 'Fish & Chip Supper'. Bring your own drinks. Please book your table with Godfrey or Linda after mass.

**Drainage Works:** As many of you will be aware repair and replacement works are being undertaken outside our church between tomorrow 25 September and Friday 6 October, 8.30am to 5pm. and the road adjacent to the church will be closed. We have received assurance that access to the church car park will be maintained over the weekend. However, on other days, if you are driving to church, you should approach from the direction of Kelsey Lane and park in the car park adjacent to the Tennis Club. The work is scheduled to last approx. 10 days although we are hoping it will be completed in less time.

**Coffee Evening Friday 13 October:** in Our Parish Room at 7.30pm. Admission is 50p. which includes Refreshments. There will be the usual stalls, Cake, Preserves, Presents for All, Christmas Cards, Tombola and Raffle. Contributions for the stalls will be much appreciated and may be brought to the church before the day. Do put the date in your dairy and do tell your friends. It is always a very enjoyable evening. All proceeds will go towards the youngsters going to Lourdes next Easter with Group 83.

**St Peter's Catholic School Class of '77 Re-Union:** Were you one of the teachers or pupils who left St. Peter's in 1977? Many of those pupils and teachers are meeting in Solihull on 14 October for a drink and buffet to celebrate. See poster on noticeboard for more details.

**Village boundary review:** You may be aware of the article in the Bugle and Communicator to ask SMBC for a boundary review. At present the border between Balsall Parish Council and Berkswell PC lies on Meeting House Lane. With the changes and development, the village faces the question is whether these boundaries are still appropriate and if there is a better way of managing our village more effectively? Your signatures on the form in the Bugle could trigger the progress in order to look at the various options. Please read the article and return your form to Angela Jayne by the end of September, alternatively there is a form at the back of the church.

**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:** Margaret Kiernan, Laurie Hall, John Walsh, Ella Chesshire.

#### **This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October – 9.30am</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>25th Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>26th Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Margaret, Patrick & Barry Lehane (RIP)	Helen Plater (RIP)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Tom, Nathan, James	Matthew, Daniel, Jacob
<b>Wardens:</b>	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell	John Perry, Kathy Jones & Maria Pulley
<b>Readers:</b>	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke	John Peat & Bysse Gibbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Stefan Hunka, John McLellan & Madeleine Peat	Monica Green, Eileen Selby & Madeleine Peat
<b>Counting:</b>	TBA	Chris Burleigh & Martin Sheehy
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Claire & Charles Keane	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mary Sharpe & Anne O'Brien	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby
<b>Flowers:</b>	Bridget Harrison	Maureen Carroll
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Louise Perry & Claire Keane	Kathryn Driffield & Celine Burley
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

**This week's services**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>6.30pm Mass</b> Followed by Talks and Discussions on the Faith.	<b>7.00pm Mass</b> <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction	<b>6.00pm Mass</b> Followed by Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick	
<b>Intention:</b>	Sister Teresa		Mr & Mrs Connelly	

**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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