

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

26th November 2017 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another,"

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: *Today's Gospel reminds us of what is essential in the conduct of Jesus' followers. We are told in today's Gospel that the Son of Man, Christ the King, will come to judge the nations and the nature and focus of his judgement reveals that his kingdom is not a kingdom of power but of service. As Jesus said of himself: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." This is the criterion for judgement. Entering into the eternal life of the kingdom of God presupposes that we, his disciples, are following the path of the Master in serving all people and especially those with the greatest need.*

Eucharistic Service There is no Mass on Thursday this week but there will be a Eucharistic Service at 10.00am. The Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is transferred to Thursday 7th December at 10.00am.

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: St Andrew (30th), St Edmund Campion (1st).

Collection 19th November: Loose plate £85.00, Envelopes £72.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£527.00**. Today there will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services; next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre.

Advent and Christmas Meditations: You are invited to share in these Wednesday evening meditations which will focus on the last things heralded by the coming of Christ at the end of time. In the Eucharist we have a foretaste of the future gathering of all things in unity in Christ. Why not use the Wednesdays of Advent and Christmastide to reflect on the mystery of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord who comes to us in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer will take place after the 7.00pm Wednesday Mass and will finish with Benediction at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Holly for Advent Wreath: If anyone has any holly we can have for the advent wreath it would be very much appreciated, variegated would be a bonus. Please contact Pam Martin.

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 available at the back of church to help us to reflect and pray through Advent in preparation for Christmas.

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

Raffle Tickets: Available at the back of the Church today. The tickets are £1.00 each or five pounds for a book. There are great prizes. Please collect your tickets today and sell as many as you can. The stubs and money can be returned each week after Mass - Time is short for us to make a success of this - hopefully this will serve to concentrate our efforts.

HCPT: Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars are on sale until 24th 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.

Mayor of West Midlands Faith Summit: Andy Street invites Parish representatives to a faith summit and conference on 27 November 2017 4.00-8.00pm at the University of Birmingham to help shape the mayor's priorities and new initiatives. Further information and booking at: [The Mayor and Faith Conference](#)

A message from His Grace, Archbishop Bernard: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

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. . For more information contact Paul Northam at fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk or Sr Gillian Murphy at parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk or call 0121 360 8118.

Christ the King, **COVENTRY** 3rd Feb

Maryvale Institute, **BIRMINGHAM** 24th Mar

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, Mary Murray, Andy Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Katya O'Donnell (*fifteen year old grandniece of Fran Lester, she has been recently diagnosed with an aggressive type of MS and is much in need of our prayers*).

Anniversaries: John Burke, Dennis Clifford, Frederick Garnham, Jack Harper, Valerie Harris, Mary Howell, Johnnie Kelly, Margaret Kinsella, Jack McLean, Mary Richards, Patricia Westerman, Rita Weston.

Recently dead: Graham Wilks (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 or call on **01676 532352** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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

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Warwick Catholic Deanery Website www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	26 th November	3 rd December
Day:	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	First Sunday of Advent
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Jack McLean RIP	Martin Dunne
Altar Servers:	tba	tba
Wardens:	Joe Martin Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell	John Perry Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones
Readers:	Tony Cotterill & Lesley Ritchie	Raymond Ritchie & Ellie Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen Carroll Nuala Fulham & Stefan Hunka	tba
Counting:	Martin Sheehy & Chris Lynn	Ian & Fran Lester
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Claire & Charles Keane
Cleaning:	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Joan Mclean	Advent Wreath Sue McGovern
Children's Liturgy:	Claire Keane & Louise Perry	Jane Devoy & Monica Green
Music:	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

This week's services

Date:	Tuesday 28 th November	Wednesday 29 th November	Friday 1 st December
Time:	10.00am Mass Holy Souls	7.00pm Mass Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction at 8.00 pm	10.00am Mass Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Intention:	For the Holy Souls of our deceased loved ones	Mary Slattery RIP	Teresa Petropoulis