

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

29th October 2017 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself"

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: *God loves each and every one of us - he loves all his creatures - all that he has created. He wants us to know his love and so to grow in our love of him and of our neighbour and of all his creatures. That is why the greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind and to love our neighbour as our self. In these two commandments we have a summary of the whole Bible and the teaching of the Church.*

Solemnity of All Saints. Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation - that is a day when all, if possible, should present themselves at Mass. The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates the feast of all the saints who are now in heaven. Mass, as is usual on a Wednesday, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with meditations on the Holy Eucharist until Benediction at 8.00 p.m. You can leave quietly after Mass is concluded, but all are welcome to stay.

All Souls - Thursday 2nd November 7.00 p.m. The Church, after rejoicing on Wednesday with those who are in heaven, prays on Thursday for all who, in the purification of purgatory, await the day when they too will join the company of the saints. We can help the departed through the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them. There our 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 front of the altar. The Mass will be offered up for all your loved ones which you have named at the Mass of the Solemnity of All Souls and at Masses throughout the month of November.

October and the Rosary: On the 7th 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 have offered 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 15th 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: Solemnity of All Saints (1st), The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (2nd), St Martin de Porres (3rd First Friday), St Charles Borromeo (4th).

Collection 22nd October: Loose plate £62.55, Envelopes £58.10, Standing Orders £330.00, Total **£450.65**. The collection for World Mission Sunday raised **£74.10** – thank you. There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy).

CAFOD 1: An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed to the CAFOD collection two weeks ago. The final total collected is an amazing £377.00 and this is without the added gift aid that will bring the total up to over £400. I am sure that this money with all the money collected from other parishes will really help. **Chris**

CAFOD 2: Mass of Remembrance. Please join us on Friday 24 November, 7pm at St Anthony's Parish, Bee Lane, Wolverhampton, WV10 6LE.

Get-together: This Wednesday, 1st November in the Parish Room at 10.30am for tea, coffee, cakes and a chat.

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.

Youth Group: BRG will be hosting Youth Group during November. All secondary school pupils are welcome to join us in the car park at 6.30 on 5th November, when we will be making s'mores on a campfire (weather permitting!).

Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham need a Chief Operating Officer. Salary: £80,000 - £100,000. Location: Birmingham. Further details see notice board or phone 0113 205 6089. Closing date: **Monday 20th November 2017.**

100 Club – October Winners:

67 £75.00 Ros Cawley 66 £45.00 Ann Crossley 86 £30.00 Ann Parker

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 will resume on this Tuesday 31st October, after the 6.30pm Mass.

Evangelisation Team. Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 6th November at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help us share the Good News. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

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 29th October: Warden: Sunday 5th 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

Columbans Centenary We are all invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Columban mission on Saturday 25th November 2017, 11.00am at St Catherine of Siena church, Birmingham. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments. If you would like to attend please send your name, address and contact telephone number to: sharinggospeljoy@columbans.co.uk

St George & St Teresa Catholic Primary School

Open Morning – Friday 3rd November 9.30 am - 11.00 am

The School would like to welcome prospective parents who have children due to start in the Nursery or Reception Class in September 2018. Please see further information on the notice board.

Balsall Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Plan is currently underway and during the month of November every household in Balsall Parish and Balsall Common will receive a Household Questionnaire which we would encourage them to complete and return in the Freepost envelope to Stratford-Upon-Avon District Council. The questionnaire seeks their ideas and opinions on a variety of issues within the Balsall Parish and Balsall Common area. Their ideas and opinions will create the Balsall Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. A planning policy document which will state which community facilities should be developed, upgraded or enhanced from 2019 to 2033.

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, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Maureen O'Gorman, Dan Webster, Katya O'Donnell.

Crackley Hall Nursery and Reception. Open Evening Wednesday 22 November between 7.00-8.00pm. See poster and leaflets at the back of church for further details

Anniversaries: Members of the Ellis and Facchino families, Dorothy Artingstall, Herbert Bridge, Tom Glynn, Winnie Kelly, Catherine McGovern, Clare McGovern, Simon McGrath, Catherine Mailand, Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville (Seventh Archbishop of Birmingham), Deacon Paul Grosvenor (Deacon of this Parish), Steve Riley.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	29 th October – 9.30am	5 th November – 9.30am
Day:	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Joe & Maureen Martin RIP	Lilian Carroll RIP
Altar Servers:	tba	tba
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley
Readers:	Mary Sharp & David Bixby	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Fairbrother John & Louise Perry	Carol Beck Charles Keane & Eileen Selby
Counting:	Bob & Cathy Jones	Maureen Carroll & Jean Henser
Tea & Coffee:	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire Claire Kean
Flowers:	Chris Mitchell	Chris Mitchell
Children's Liturgy:	Half Term	Monica & Louise
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date:	Tuesday 31 st October	Wednesday 1 st November	Thursday 2 nd November
Time:	6.30pm Mass Followed by talks and Discussion on the Faith Those Preparing for Confirmation	7.00pm Mass Solemnity of All the Saints Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction At 8.00 pm	7.00pm Mass All Souls – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Intention:			

Parish Room: *MUST be booked with Louise Perry* – Tel 01676 533357.

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please send items to Godfrey Chesshire 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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