

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*'He sells everything he owns and buys the field.'*

**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:** Both the "treasure" and the "pearl" spoken of by Christ in today's Gospel express what the Kingdom of Heaven must be for disciples: something of ultimate worth. The demand of the Kingdom is radical - everything must be relativised in relation to the absolute value of the Kingdom. Finding the "hidden treasure" or the "pearl" is not the outcome of our work or calculation. With the Kingdom we are in the presence of something gratuitous - something freely given, not something we have earned and, therefore deserved. However, when the gift is given, our response has to be selling all we have in exchange for it.

**Collection 23 July:** Loose plate £81.50, Envelopes £93.80, Standing Orders £370.00, **Total £545.30.**

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** St. Ignatius, (31<sup>st</sup>), St. Alphonsus, (1<sup>st</sup>), St. John Mary Vianney (4<sup>th</sup>).

**Welcome** to Fr Chris Greaney who will Preside at the Mass today.

**Churches Together CTBB:**

**Coffee Together** - this Saturday 5 August at the Jubilee Centre. BRG are hosting and volunteers are wanted, also donations of cakes will be appreciated. See Louise & John.

**Open The Book** – is a wonderful resource, bringing Bible stories to children at school in their primary years. Through a series of weekly presentations for Collective Worship/Assembly, they'll get to hear many wonderful Bible stories – not only about well-known characters, but also about important values like faith, courage, patience and selflessness. To do this, volunteers are needed to become storytellers, and become part of a team to go into local schools and put on OPEN THE BOOK Bible story presentations. There will be a meeting at St. Peters church on Monday or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> August, (date to be confirmed), if you are interested please let Louise, John or Godfrey know. There are a few leaflets available at the back of church or for more information please visit: [openthebook.net](http://openthebook.net).

**Get Together:** This Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. Meet at BRG 9.45am for departure at 10am. We leave Alrewas at 3pm. and should arrive back about 3.45pm. If anyone who has signed up to go is unable to, please let Judith know on 01676 534010.

**Rosary Rally:** There will be a Rosary Rally on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August commencing with Mass at 2.00pm at Mount St Bernard's Abbey, Leicestershire. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

**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, 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:** Maria Powditch, Mary Fairbrother, Mary Leehose, Dorothy Webster, Wasyl Hunka, Adrian C. Belford.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Chris Greaney	Father Chris Greaney
<b>Intention:</b>	Bernadette Reilly (RIP)	Rod Crossley (RIP)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Matthew, Daniel, Jacob	Kathryn, Hannah, Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	John Perry, Kathy Jones & Maria Pulley	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner, Christina Plater
<b>Readers:</b>	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka	John McLellan, James Green
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Maureen Carroll, Teresa Green & Madeleine Peat	Nuala Fulham, Stefan Hunka, Eileen Selby
<b>Counting:</b>	Maureen Carroll & Jean Henser	Chris Burleigh, Martin Sheehy
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry, Ann Dodd
<b>Cleaning:</b>	G & L. Chesshire & Charles Keane	Mary Sharp, Anne O'Brien
<b>Flowers:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Christine Harris
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	School Holidays	School Holidays
<b>Music:</b>	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Linda Chesshire

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	10.00 am	No Mass	No Mass	
	Eucharistic Service			

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

**Contributions for the Bulletin:** Please send items to John Perry at [jpgperry@btinternet.com](mailto:jpgperry@btinternet.com) or call on **01676 533357** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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