

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year B**

*"You are to conceive and bear a son"*

**Pope's Prayer Intention:** "That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations."

**Father Frank:** *We see in the Gospels how God fulfils the promises he has made through the people of the Old Covenant and he does this in a bewildering way. The fulfilment of the promises of old comes through a young Jewish girl who accepts the will of God and the work of his Holy Spirit in her. Her husband, Joseph, is confused about the events surrounding the conception and birth of Jesus but such perplexity is to be expected because God's ways are not our ways, his thoughts are not our thoughts and, according to God's loving purposes, revealed in both the Old and New Testaments, something utterly 'good' and utterly 'new' is breaking into our world with the birth of Christ.*

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** Nativity of the Lord (25<sup>th</sup>), St Stephen (26<sup>th</sup>), St John, Apostle (27<sup>th</sup>), The Holy Innocents (28<sup>th</sup>), St Thomas Becket (29<sup>th</sup>).

**Thanks, from Father Frank** *for your cards, kindness and support. I am grateful for all the work you put in to ensuring that there is a Eucharistic presence in this place. Together, by faithfully assembling week by week, we ensure that we witness to the love, light and hope of Christ and his in-breaking Kingdom. That is the distinctive and incomparable gift we are called to offer to the world through our assembly as the Church. It is a privilege and a joy to share with you in this service.*

**Collection 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Loose plate £81.75, Envelopes £102.00 Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£.553.75**. Today there will be a Second Collection for Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

**The Raffle Draw.** Thanks to all those involved in making this year's raffle such a success. We raised **£890.00** - a marvelous effort! Well done everyone.

**Volunteers needed** to ensure there is oil in our lamps and they keep burning! Please let Fr Frank know if you are able to give a little time each month to top up the oil in the candles in church.

**Advent Parish Giving Tree.** "A big thankyou to all who contributed to the Christmas giving tree. 53 presents were given, and these were distributed this week. Hudson's Care were very grateful for the gifts ". **Claire**

**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 .

**Anniversaries:** Jessie Cotterill, John Farmer, Sheila Maguire, John Rahill, Ian Stewart, Allison Taylor.

## This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am	31 <sup>st</sup> December – 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Feast of the Holy Family
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Mary Slattery RIP	Michelle Shortall RIP
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	tba	tba
<b>Wardens:</b>	Christine Harris Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons	Ciaran McSorley Celine Burley & John McLellan
<b>Readers:</b>	Dominic Green & Ciaran McSorley	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	John McLellan John & Loise Perry	Godfrey Chesshire Nuala Fulham & Madeleine Peat
<b>Counting:</b>	Charles Keane & Mike Fairbrother	John Perry & Nuala Fulham
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire Claire Keane	Mary Sharp & Anne O'Brien
<b>Flowers:</b>	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	No Liturgy	No Liturgy
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke
<p><i>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - Mass during the Night of Christmas (Midnight Mass) – 7.30pm</i></p> <p><i>- People of the Parish</i></p> <p><i>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Mass of Christmas Day - Ian Stewart RIP</i></p>		

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Time:</b>	10.00am Mass Feast of St Stephen, the First Christian Martyr	10.00am Mass Feast of the Holy Innocents
<b>Intention:</b>	Jessie Cotterill RIP	With the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Alan Cronin RIP

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

**Contributions for the Bulletin:** Please send items to Godfrey Chesshire at [godfreychesshire@btinternet.com](mailto:godfreychesshire@btinternet.com) or call on 01676 532352 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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