

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

7th January 2018 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord– Year B

" We saw his star and have come to do the king homage "

Pope's Prayer Intention: "Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom."

Father Frank: *Today, with the holy Church of God throughout the world, we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means "manifestation" and it was made manifest to the Magi, who were led from afar by a bright star, that Jesus came, not just for the people of Israel but for everyone. This feast draws us away from the temptation to confine the mystery of the Christmas celebration to our own private world and interests. For the Church, Epiphany is a call and a challenge to never become narrow and inward-looking but to remember that, as the baptised, our vocation is to be a light for all people.*

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: .

Collection 31st December: Loose plate £68.55, Envelopes £55.0, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£.493.55.**

Welcome to Father George, from the Columban Fathers, who is the Celebrant at the Mass today.

Get-together. We meet this Wednesday, 10th January at 12 noon for a buffet lunch in the Parish Room. All are welcome.

Parochial Church Council. The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday, 18th January. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help plan the year ahead for the parish.

December 100 Club:

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| 96 | £75.00 | Conor McSorley |
| 42 | £45.00 | Sylvia Clifford |
| 44 | £30.00 | Charles Keane |

Volunteers needed to ensure there is oil in our lamps and they keep burning! Please let Father Frank know if you are able to give a little time each month to top up the oil in the candles in 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, 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: Joan Applin, John O'Reagan, Edward Sheehan, Michael Simpson.

Lately dead: Helen Hopkins (*mother of Christina Plater*).

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

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| Date & Time: | 7 th January – 9.30am | 14 th January – 9.30am |
| Day: | Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Celebrant: | Father George (Columban Father) | Father Frank |
| Intention: | Joyce Canavan RIP | Veronica Murphy RIP |
| Altar Servers: | Daniel, Jacob & Laura | Tom, Ethan & Joe |
| Wardens: | Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley | Kevin & Sue McGovern & Madeleine Peat |
| Readers: | John Peat & Bysse Gibbs | Godfrey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Mike Fairbrother Teresa Green & Charles Keane | Nuala Fulham John & Louise Perry |
| Counting: | Bob & Kath Jones | Maureen Carroll Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser |
| Tea & Coffee: | Godfrey & Linda Chesshire | Chris & Margaret Burleigh |
| Cleaning: | Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby | Anne Stewart & Val Timms |
| Flowers: | Christine Harris | Christine Harris |
| Children's Liturgy: | Kathryn Driffield & Monica Green | ? |
| Music: | Instrumental Group | Ian & Ellie Clarke |

This week's services

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| Date: | Wednesday 10 th January | Thursday, 11 th January |
| Time: | Mass 7.00pm | Mass 10.00am |
| Intention: | People of the Parish | Sister Maria Goretti |
| | Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations, silent prayer and Benediction at 8.00pm | |

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: From this week Ellie Clarke is taking over responsibility for producing the bulletin. Please contact her at iehclarke@btinternet.com or 01676 533931 by 7.00pm on Wednesdays.

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