

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

14th January 2018 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

“They saw where he lived, and stayed with him”

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’s Gospel conducts us to the River Jordan. This was the holy place where first century Judeans expected to see the Messiah come. It was also at this place that the people, long ago, crossed over into the Promised Land. Today’s story finds us here at this holy place, where John the Baptist is proclaiming Jesus to be the Lamb of God - the One who takes away the sins of the world, the One we are to follow.*

Saints and Feast Days this week: St Anthony (17th), St Wulstan (19th).

Collection 7th January: Loose plate £44.95, Envelopes £77.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£491.95**

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

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: This begins on Thursday 18th January. Let us remember to pray for that unity Christ willed when he prayed that we might all be one.

Service for Christian Unity: Theme: *“That all may be free”*. This year’s service, organised by Churches Together in Balsall and Berkswell, will take place at 3 pm in Sunday 21st January in St Mary the Virgin Church, Temple Balsall. All are welcome.

100 Club: Many thanks to everyone who had a subscription last year. £675 was raised towards parish funds. Subscriptions for 2018 are now due, and Chris and John will be available after Mass for the next few Sundays. A ticket costs £15 for the year and there is a chance to win £75, £45, or £30, in each of the four draws in the year. will take place at Mass on Sunday January 28th.

Confirmation: Confirmations will take place at Mass on Sunday 28th January.

Choir: Choir practice will re-commence on Sunday 21st January after mass, when we will start to work on music for Lent and Easter. If you enjoy singing, why not come and join us? You don’t need previous experience, you don’t even need to be able to read music! For more information, please speak to Ian Clarke or email iehclarke@btinternet.com.

Lift to mass: Lucille has just moved into Balsall Common but cannot get to church without a lift. She would dearly like to attend Mass here with us on Sunday mornings. She lives in Gorton Croft. If you are able to offer a lift please let Fr Frank know.

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: Angela Belford, Jack Brookes, Eileen Innes, Audrey Morris.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 14 th January 9.30 am	Sunday 21 st January 9.30am
Day:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Veronica Murphy RIP	Carmel & Louis O'Grady
Altar Servers:	Tom, Ethan & Joe	Matthew & James
Wardens:	Kevin & Sue McGovern & Madeleine Peat	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs & Helen Woods
Readers:	Godfrey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien	Louise & John Perry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nuala Fulham John & Louise Perry	TBA
Counting:	Maureen Carroll Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser	McSorley Family
Tea & Coffee:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs
Cleaning:	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Christine Harris	Maureen Carroll
Children's Liturgy:	Kathryn Driffield & Jane Devoy	Claire Keane & Monica Green
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

This week's masses

Date:	Tuesday 16 th January	Wednesday 10 th January	Thursday 18 th January
Time:	10.00 am	7.00pm	7.00pm
Intention:	Sister Rita	Memorial of St Anthony Sister Brigid	Laura and Derrick Lusted
		Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations, silent prayer and Benediction at 8.00pm	Followed by Parish Council meeting

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please contact Ellie Clarke by 7.00pm on Wednesday at iehclarke@btinternet.com or call 01676 533931.

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