

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

*“Repent and believe the Good News.”*

**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:** *In today’s Gospel reading we see how Jesus begins his public life with an exhortation to repent because the kingdom of heaven, or in Mark’s version the kingdom of God, is at hand. This warning prompted by love is addressed to all, for no one is without sin. Yet no matter how many wounds our human nature has sustained, we are never justified in giving way to despair, for the Lord, in his great love for us, pours out his compassion abundantly on all who need it.*

**Saints and Feast Days this week:** St Francis de Sales (24th), The Conversion of St Paul (25th), Ss Timothy and Titus (26th).

**Collection 14th January:** Loose plate £54.80, Envelopes £73.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£497.80.**

**The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity:** began on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and continues until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 **today** 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. If you are not already a member, why not join? 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.

**Confirmation:** Confirmations will take place at Mass next week, Sunday 28th January. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, David, Joel and Toby, in your prayers.

**Choir:** Choir practice re-commences **today** after mass, when we will start to work on music for Lent and Easter. New members welcome – no previous choir experience is needed! For more information, please speak to Ian Clarke or email [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com).

**No Mass on Tuesday:** Fr Frank will be away from Sunday after Mass until Wednesday morning. Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place as usual on Wednesday evening.

**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.

**Candle of Dedication for 2018:** Our Candle of Dedication is available to go in front of the statue of Our Lady (OL) or the Sacred Heart (SH) your choice. This is lit anew on Sunday and burns for seven days in remembrance of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion. The dedication is included in the bulletin each week. You can request a Dedication by completing the details on the special envelopes and filling in the diary at the back of the church; a donation of £5 is suggested. Completed envelopes and donations can be handed in to the wardens or Ann Ostler or Bridget Harrison.

**Volunteers needed (1):** 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.

**Volunteers needed (2):** The Children’s Liturgy team are looking for new members! If you would like to have fun teaching the Word to our growing church, please speak to Kathryn Driffield.

**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:** Diane Harper, Philip Given, Emily McLellan, Dick Brennan, Marion Jones, Anne Marie Bossy, Vincent Webb.

### **This week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Sunday 21st January 9.30am	Sunday 28th January 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Carmel & Louis O’Grady	Confirmation Candidates
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Matthew & James	Daniel, Jacob & Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs & Helen Woods	Joe Marton, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise & John Perry	Maureen Carrol & Nuala Fulham
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Carol Beck, Stefan Hunka & John McLellan	Monica Green, Madeleine Peat & Eileen Selby
<b>Counting:</b>	McSorley Family	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs	Anne Stewart & Val Timms
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	Maureen Carroll	Maureen Carroll
<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>	Claire Keane & Monica Green	Kathryn Driffield & Claire Keane
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

### **This week’s masses**

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Time:</b>	7.00 pm	10.00 am
<b>Intention:</b>	Memorial of St Francis de Sales Andrew and Laura Mitchell	Feast of The Conversion of St Paul Those preparing for Confirmation
	Followed by Adoration 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:** Please contact Ellie Clarke by 7.00pm on Wednesday at [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) or call 01676 533931.

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