

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

*“He taught them with authority.”*

**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:** *The Gospel today describes the first of many miracles performed by Jesus which reveal his authority and power. Jesus speaks with the same miraculous power by which he acts. This first miracle in Jesus’ ministry signifies that Satan’s power over the world has come to an end and that the dominion of God has broken into human history.*

**Saints and Feast Days this week:** St John Bosco (31st), The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February).

**Collection 21st January:** Loose plate £69.70, Envelopes £121.00, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£560.70**.

**Fr Frank’s illness:** Apologies for my absence. I am ill with the flu. I am hoping to return to work this week but please watch the website for news of any Mass cancellations should it prove necessary. I am grateful to Fr Bernard for covering for me today. I know he will find a warm welcome here at BRG.

**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:** The Confirmation that was due to take place at today’s mass has been postponed due to Fr Frank’s illness.

**Choir:** There will be choir practice today. We are working 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).

**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.

**H.C.P.T. The Pilgrimage Trust Group 83:** Grateful thanks to all who bought Advent calendars, Christmas cards & calendars. They realised £261.58. Your generosity and support will be remembered by the helpers and youngsters of Group 83 when in Lourdes this Easter.

**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:** Mick Webb, Mary Chesshire, Nicholas Dodd, Becky Hulme.

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

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> <b>Day:</b> <b>Celebrant:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	Sunday 28th January 9.30am Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Bernard Confirmation Candidates	Sunday 4th February 9.30am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Frank Helen Hopkins (RIP)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Daniel, Jacob & Laura	Tom, Ethan & Joe
<b>Wardens:</b>	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell	John Perry, Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones
<b>Readers:</b>	Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham	Mary Sharp & David Bixby
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Monica Green, Madeleine Peat & Eileen Selby	Godfrey Chesshire, John McLellan & Joe Martin
<b>Counting:</b>	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp	Martin Sheehy & Chris Lynn
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monica Green
<b>Flowers:</b>	Maureen Carroll	Bridget Harrison
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Louise Perry & Claire Keane	TBA
<b>Music:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Ian & Ellie Clarke

### **This week's masses**

<b>Date:</b> <b>Time:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 10.00 am Andrew and Laura Mitchell	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 7.00 pm  Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations, silent prayer and Benediction at 8.00pm	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 10.00 am	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 10.00 am Feast of The Presentation of the Lord Becky Hulme (RIP)
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**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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**Parish website:** [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)

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