

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

31st December 2017 – Feast of the Holy Family– Year B

" The child grew, filled with wisdom"

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: *The Feast today reminds us that God's revelation and the outworking of his loving purposes takes place in the context of human families. In today's readings we see how God begins a new work in the world through Abraham and Sarah, in the Old Testament and through Mary and Joseph, in the New Testament. Both couples faithfully trusted in God's promises and saw them come to fulfilment - such is the faithfulness and mercy of God.*

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen (2nd).

Collection 24th December: Loose plate £79.60, Envelopes £58.50, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£.508.10**. The total raised during the Christmas period, including the Carol Service and the Christmas Goodies sale, was over £1,000. Thank you.

*Thanks once more for your cards, gifts, kindness and support. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Also, 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, but, in order for this to happen, many have to give of their time and energy in raising funds and being responsible for day to day administration and maintenance. May the Lord bless you for your hard work on behalf of Christ and his Kingdom. It is a privilege and a joy to share with you in this service. **Father Frank.***

Father Frank will be taking his post-Christmas break this week, returning on Wednesday 10th January.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. What better way to begin the New Year than to celebrate this great Marian feast and to commend ourselves and the world to the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Lady.

Coffee Together: Saturday, 6th January 10.30 - 12 noon in the Jubilee Centre. BRG is hosting the event. Please let Judith, Louise or Linda know if you can provide a cake or help on the day. Thank you.

Get-together. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th January. Details in next week's bulletin.

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.

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: Annamara, Leo Fullbrook, Austin Griffith, Margaret Martin, Athlene O'Connell, Bernard Ward, Frederick Woodhouse.

Lately dead: Philip Mosely (recent resident at Harper Fields).

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	31 st December – 9.30am	7 th January – 9.30am
Day:	Feast of the Holy Family	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father George (Columban Father)
Intention:	Michelle Shortall RIP	Joyce Canavan RIP
Altar Servers:	tba	tba
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Cheshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley
Readers:	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke	John Peat & Bysse Gibbs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Godfrey Cheshire Nuala Fulham & Madeleine Peat	Mike Fairbrother Teresa Green & Charles Keane
Counting:	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Bob & Kath Jones
Tea & Coffee:	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
Cleaning:	Mary Sharp & Anne O'Brien	Chris Mitchell & Ann Eileen Selby
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Christine Harris
Children's Liturgy:	No Liturgy	Kathryn Driffield & Monica Green
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

This week's service

Date:	Monday, 1 st January	
Time:	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Mass 11.00am	
Intention:	People of the Parish	

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please send items to Godfrey Cheshire at godfreycheshire@btinternet.com or call on 01676 532352 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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