

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

24th June 2018 – Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

“His name is John.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: Social Networks. That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Father Frank: *The Church’s celebration of the birth of John the Baptist reminds us that God called him from the very first moment of his life. John was the last and the greatest of the prophets who prepared the way for the coming of Christ and, like the prophets before him, John is known and loved by God before he comes to birth - he is known and loved from all eternity. From all eternity, the Baptist is chosen of God, dedicated and set apart by God to a specific calling - just like all the baptised. John was faithful in his response to God’s calling - may he pray for us, that we might be faithful too.*

Father Ed: We welcome Fr. Ed, Columban Father, and thank him for saying Mass today.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St. Cyril (27th), St. Iranaeus (28th), Saints Peter & Paul (29th), First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Catholic church & Our Lady (30th).

Collection 17th June: Loose plate £56.50, envelopes £167.20, standing orders £390, **Total £613.70.**

Today there is a Second Collection for Peter’s Pence

Year for Priests: The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, marked the start of a year of thanksgiving, prayer and celebration for priests of this diocese, in preparation for a national celebration of priesthood to coincide with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in 2019. A prayer card is available in the narthex in order that we might join in this year of prayer.

June - the Month of the Sacred Heart: June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Great benefits are promised to those who practice this devotion. Also, during this month, we can seek to deepen our devotion to the love of God revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - a devotion encouraged by St Margaret Mary, whose relic rests in our altar. We might even consider consecrating ourselves to the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ. To this end I have printed, below, a Prayer of Consecration, written by St Margaret Mary, which we could pray daily throughout the month of June and especially before the Mass.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ: *I give and consecrate to the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my whole life, all my actions, my trials, my sufferings, devoting every portion of my being to loving, honouring, and glorifying him, to working for his love alone, renouncing with all my heart whatever may be displeasing to him. I take you, then, O Sacred Heart, for the one object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my inconstancy, the redeemer of all my faults, and my sure refuge in the hour of death. O Heart of all goodness, be my justification before God the Father, and shield me from the effects of his just anger. O Heart, overflowing with love, I place all my confidence in you, for I dread my own weakness, while I hope everything from your goodness. Destroy in me whatever displeases you or goes against your will. May pure love of you be so deeply imprinted in my heart that I may never forget you nor be separated from you. I implore you by all your love that my name be graven upon you. May it be my happiness to live and die as your slave. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Parish Cake Sale: raised £194.00 A wonderful result! Very sincere thanks to all those who made cakes and bought them. Everything was sold including the Marmalade & Jam! All proceeds given to Parish Funds.

Celebrate: Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend on Sat 30th June and Sun 1st July at St Mary's College, Oscott. Leaflets with full details are available at the back of the church or www.celebrateconference.org

Race for Life: On 1st July, Hannah and I are taking part in the Cancer Research UK Race for Life, a sponsored 5 km run. In doing so we are keeping a promise we made to each other over a year ago, while I was being treated for breast cancer. If you can, please sponsor us; every pound we raise will help to fund vital research into all types of cancer. I'll have the sponsorship form with me after mass today and next week, or you can donate online at our page: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/ellie-and-hannah>. Thank you. *Ellie Clarke*

Pilgrimage to Knock 10th September 2018: Please see poster at back of Church.

Simply Purple & Friends present ‘*A Summer Serenade*’, at St Peter’s Church Hall today **24 June 3.00pm**. In aid of ‘Zoe’s Place’, a Baby Hospice in Coventry and ‘St Peter’s Church’. Tickets £10.00 each including *A STRAWBERRY TEA*, available from *Linda Chesshire (532352)*.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: List under review due to GDPR.

Anniversaries: Tony McAtamney, Dorothy Hodgkinson, John Ridley, Chris Green.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	Sunday 24th June 9.30am Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Sunday 1st July 9.30am Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Fr. Ed O'Connell (Columban Father) People of the Parish	Fr. George (Columban Father) People of the Parish
Intention:		
Altar Servers:	Daniel, Jacob, Laura	Tom, Ethan, Joe
Wardens:	Ian & Fran Lester, Alan Devoy	Christine Harris, Dominic Green, Irene Gibbons
Readers:	John McLellan, James Green	David Green, Greg Hobbs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen Carroll, Joe Martin, Eileen Selby	TBA
Counting:	John Perry, Nuala Fulham	Jones Family
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison, Ann Ostler	Claire & Charles Keane
Cleaning:	Christine Plater, Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry, Monica Green
Flowers:	Christine Harris	Christine Harris
Children's Liturgy:	Jane Devoy, Monica Green	Kathryn Driffield, Louise Perry
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Kathryn Green

This week's masses

Date: Time:	Tuesday 26th June 10.00am Eucharistic Service	Wednesday 27th June No Mass	Thursday 28th June No Mass	Friday 29th June No Mass
Intention:				

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please contact John Perry by 7.00pm on Wednesday at jlgperry@btinternet.com or call 01676 533357.

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel : 07512 100908 Email: frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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