

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

**23rd September 2018 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Harvest Thanksgiving**

“The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Father Frank: The Gospel today presents us with a lesson in humility. Whilst the disciples were arguing amongst themselves about who was “the greatest” Jesus was arguing for being “last of all” and “servant of all” and Jesus backs up his words with his actions, for that is exactly what he became. He washes his disciples feet, the work of a slave, and he dies the death of an outcast criminal. And he wants us to share in his way of humility because it is the way of the God who stoops low to gather us into his kingdom.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: Harvest Thanksgiving (Today), St Vincent de Paul (27th), Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (29th).

Collection 16th September Loose plate £TBC, Envelopes £TBC, standing orders £390, **Total £TBC**

Second Collection: today for Father Hudson Society.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: on Thursday evenings is an opportunity for us all to learn of Christ and grow in his life as we pray silently before him in the Blessed Sacrament and meditate on the spiritual teaching of the Church. All welcome.

Last Thursday in the month: There will be a Mass with the Sacrament for the Anointing for the Sick this Thursday 27th September at 6.00pm. The Sacrament of Anointing supports the sick in their struggle against illness and continues Christ’s work of healing. All are welcome to attend.

Harvest Thanksgiving: Offerings for Harvest Thanksgiving made today are going to help refugees in Coventry. There are boxes in the narthex to receive your gifts of food. Thank you for your generosity to those in need of our assistance.

Monsignor McHugh Farewell and Thank You: After 17 years as Parish Priest, Mgr McHugh will be retiring from Ss George and Teresa. In order to thank him and wish him well, the parish has organised a farewell celebration on Sunday 7th October, 3.00-5.00pm, in the Dorridge Parish Centre, to include light refreshments. This will be followed by Benediction at 5.00pm. Blessed Robert Grissold parishioners are cordially invited to join this celebration.

One World Week Dinner Churches Together Balsall & Berkswell - To be held in our church hall on 12 October 7.30pm. Indian buffet meal £12.50, bring your own drinks.. The speaker will be Dr. Issam Ghana MD, Chairman Solihull Islamic Education Academy, “Religion, Charity and Global Economy.” Tickets available from John & Louise Perry. See poster on notice board.

Prayers for the Sick: We are creating a new list of those people who are sick and wish to be kept regularly in the prayers of parishioners. In order to comply with GDPR rules however we will now need the express written consent for anyone who wishes to be added to the list, ideally from the individual themselves or if not a close relative or friend. Consent Forms will be available on the table in the Narthex and once completed should be passed onto Father Frank or David Green who will compile and maintain the list for the parish. The names on the old list will not be included unless consent forms are received. Any queries please speak to Father Frank or David Green.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Fran Lester.

Anniversaries: Margaret Kiernan, Laurie Hall, John Walsh.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	Sunday 23rd September 9.30am Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Harvest Thanksgiving)	Sunday 30th September 9.30am Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Mrs Kelsey (RIP)	Anthony Rudd (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Ethan and Joe	Matthew and James
Wardens:	Kevin and Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat	Bysshe and Judith Gibbs Chris Mitchell
Readers:	David Cant and Joel Smith	Bob Jones and Stefan Hunka
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen Carroll, Charles Keane and Joe Martin	Mike Fairbrother, Nuala Fulham, Teresa Green
Counting:	Charles Keane and Mike Fairbrother	John Perry and Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry and Ann Dodd
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater and Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	Claire Keane and Louise Perry	Celine Burley and Kathryn Driffield
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

This week's services

Date: Time:	Tuesday 25th Sept 10.00am Mass	Wednesday 26th Sept 10.00am Mass	Thursday 27th Sept 6pm Mass
Intention:	Ellen Bridge	Robert Fleming (RIP)	with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations and silent prayer for half an hour before Benediction. Kate Ollis (RIP)

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: David Green is currently compiling the newsletter. Please send items by 7.00pm on Wednesday at david.monica@btopenworld.com or call 01564 775155.

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

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