

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Master let me see again”*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention:** That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

**Father Frank.** *October is the month of the Rosary and the Rosary is a rich and powerful prayer. Firstly, the Rosary is vocal prayer in that, the fixed words can be prayed aloud, but it also lends itself to meditative prayer as we reflect on each of the mysteries. This enables personal insights that can change our lives and meditation can lead to loving contemplation when our mind is seized by the depth of the mystery we are praying. That’s why Pope St John Paul II wrote: “The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation.” The words of the Rosary also contain prayers of praise and petition and the faithful often offer up each decade of the Rosary for a special intention. Countless believers, down through the ages have borne witness to the fruitful results of praying the Rosary. How could it be otherwise when, as Pope St John Paul II says: “To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.”*

**Saints & Feast Days this Week:** Solemnity of All Saints (1<sup>st</sup>) (holy Day of Obligation, Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Collection: 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Loose plate £91.55, envelopes £88.00, standing orders £390.00, **Total £569.55**  
Collection for World Mission - **£110.55** – thank you. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Johnson Association (retired priests).

**A Message from Archbishop Bernard:** As many of you will already be aware, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will be participating in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) at a hearing next month (Nov) in London. IICSA was set up some years ago by the government following a number of high profile and serious cases of historic child abuse. Through its investigations, IICSA is seeking to understand “what went wrong, and why”. The Archdiocese has been asked to participate in IICSA’s investigations along with other organisations within the Catholic Church. A Pastoral Letter will be read out in all churches next weekend on this matter. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church’s work, please call **0121 230 6240** or emergency out-of-hours on **07976 516629**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

**October and the Rosary.** October is the month of the Rosary and it is a good time therefore to renew our devotion to our Lord and our Blessed Lady through this rich source of prayer. We will offer up a decade of the Rosary before the Sunday Mass and after every weekday Mass throughout the month of October.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursday evening provides 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. During the month of October, the meditations will be on the Mysteries of the Rosary. This week we will be meditating on the Second of the Joyful Mysteries, The Visitation. All welcome.

**All Souls:** There are envelopes for your prayer intentions and offerings at the back of the church. Please write the names of your loved ones clearly on a piece of paper and enclose it in the envelope provided, together with your Mass offering. I will name those listed at the Mass of the Solemnity of All Souls and at Masses for the Holy Souls that will be offered throughout the month of November. A tray will be placed by the altar from this Sunday to receive your Mass intentions and offerings. The Commemoration of All Souls will take place at 7.00pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**A Request from Pope Francis:** As I said last week, Pope Francis has asked us to pray more intensely for the Church, especially during this month of October. He asks us to pray the Rosary every day with the intention that the Blessed Virgin Mary will help the Church and defend her against the attacks of the Devil. Pope Francis invites us to conclude our recitation of the Rosary with an ancient invocation to Our Lady - the Sub tuum praesidium, as well as reciting the prayer to St Michael, the Archangel. We will add these prayers to our Rosary prayers at Mass this month and, I hope, retain them thereafter as we continue to offer up these prayers daily. To assist us I have printed the prayers below:

*We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

**Christmas Raffle:** The Christmas Raffle is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we would be very grateful for the donation of Raffle Prizes. We have already been promised some excellent prizes, including meals, afternoon teas and hampers and will happily accept bottles, chocolates, toiletries and vouchers of any description. Please contact **Tracey McAtamney** [traceymcatamney@btconnect.com](mailto:traceymcatamney@btconnect.com) Tel: 01676 532940 Mobile 0791 8191560.

**Prayers for the Sick:** If you would a name added to the prayers for the sick please complete a consent form and pass to Father Frank or David Green.

**Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers:** Lily Mae Carr, Andrew Lockington, Katya O'Donnell, Consuelo Ramon.

**Anniversaries:** Irene Hunka, Harold Jones, Catherine McGovern, Simon McGrath, Steve Riley

**Lately dead:**

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> <b>Day:</b>	Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time
<b>Celebrant:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	Father Frank Geraldine Delaney (RIP)	Father Frank Weil Hermsen+
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Jacob & Laura	Ethan & Joe
<b>Wardens:</b>	Ian & Fran Lester Alan Devoy	Christine Harris Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons
<b>Readers:</b>	Raymond Ritchie & Ellie Clarke	Chris Burleigh & Andrew Chesshire-Ramon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Teresa Green John & Louise Perry	tba
<b>Counting:</b>	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp	Martin Sheehy & Chris Lynn
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chesshire Family	Anne Stewart & Val Timms
<b>Cleaning:</b>	M Hughes & J Kennedy	BLITZ – Louise Perry -Lead
<b>Flowers:</b>	Grace Brennan	Grace Brennan
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	tba	No liturgy – half term
<b>Music</b>	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>Time:</b>	10.00am Mass	10.00am Mass	All Saints 7.00pm Mass
<b>Intention:</b>	Viola Fulham Parents & Godparents (Intentions)	Daniel Webster	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 Anne Robinson (RIP)
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November - All Souls - Mass at 7.30pm			

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

**Contributions for the Bulletin:** Godfrey Chesshire is now compiling the newsletter. Please send items by 7.00pm on Wednesday to [godfreycheshire@btinternet.com](mailto:godfreycheshire@btinternet.com) or call on **01676 532352**

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