

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

18th November 2018 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

“He will gather his chosen from the four winds”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: Universal: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Father Frank. *Faith in the God of love can bring great happiness and confidence for “perfect love casts out all fear.” The warnings about the end times in the Scriptures are meant to be a source of hope for us, not fear, for “Christ, by his death and resurrection, has achieved our sanctification.” All we need to do is to place our trust in Christ and so be able to make the words of today’s psalm our own: “You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence.”*

Saints & Feast Days this Week: St Cecilia (22nd), St Columban (23rd), St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (24th).

Collection: 11th November: Loose plate £75.50, envelopes £84.00, standing orders £390.00, **Total £549.50**

There will be a Second Collection today for **The Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre.**

No Mass on Thursday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is moved to Wednesday for this week.

Thanks to those who attended and supported the priests of the Deanery who met here for Mass on Tuesday. As always, they were grateful for the hospitality and welcome shown to them - and the cake that went down so well!

Baptism. Please pray for Edward who will be baptised here after Mass today and pray for his parents and godparents that, God may bless, guide and protect them and that by his grace they may be faithful to their Baptismal promises.

Millennium Breakfast. Our next breakfast will be after Mass today. We will be serving warm croissants, toast and all the usual fare. Fr Ed is currently undergoing medical treatment in this country but hopes to return to Lima at the end of February to continue his work.

Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars are on sale in the Narthex. All proceeds will go towards Group 83 H.C.P.T.’S Funds.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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. We continue to meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary. This week we will be meditating on the Second of the Luminous Mysteries, The Wedding at Cana. All welcome.

Advent. We prepare for Christmas with half hour Meditations on the scriptures for each of the Sundays in Advent. This series of reflections begins on Thursday 29th November after the 6.00pm Mass, which will incorporate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. After the Meditations on the last Thursday of Advent (20th December) there will be an opportunity also to make your Confession before Christmas.

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 **Tel: 01676 532940 Mobile 0791 8191560.**

Christmas Newsletter: Do you fancy yourself as a budding writer or photographer? Have you attended a parish event or been part of something related to the parish that you would love to share? If so, we would welcome your articles and pictures for our bumper Christmas Newsletter! It's been a busy year and there have been many events to write about including the Get Togethers, 100 Club, Choir, HCPT Pilgrimage Trust, Youth Group, Lenten breakfasts, talks and discussions, First Holy Communions, the May Concert: Choral Energy, Millennium Breakfasts, Parish Cake Sale, Race for Life and the Parish Quiz to name but a few. We need your works of literary genius or art by Sunday 9th December to give us time to edit and add them to the newsletter. If in doubt, have a go as it may be the start of something new for 2019! Please send to Ian Clarke at iehclarke@btinternet.com as soon as you can.

Christmas Goodies Sale: After mass Sunday December 2nd. Including mince pies, pickled onions, mincemeat, chutneys, small Christmas cakes and gifts. Proceeds for Parish funds.

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

Anniversaries: Jean Clarke, Michael Cronin, Peggy Garnham, Susan Hall, Jack Harper, Gladys Holmes, Jim Kiernan, Joseph Martin, Veronica Murphy, Mary Reid, Mary Slattery.

Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre www.covrefugee.org. You very generously donated last year – sadly the refugee situation has not improved.

The Centre continues to help asylum seekers and refugees negotiate the many forms and demands they meet. They may need financial support to attend immigration interviews in London or Liverpool, signposting to food banks or receiving help in getting a hot meal, when their £37.75/week for food and personal needs doesn't quite stretch. Immigration and Asylum Law support is available along with Men's and Women's Groups with help in learning English to support their integration. Being alone in a foreign land can test the most resilient.

Some, who have endured things we cannot imagine, may need specialist help. Those already here, perhaps at risk, can get support from the Safeguarding Unit. Having achieved refugee status, together with migrants from other countries, they may need help in finding work or accommodation – from the Work and Wellbeing Group and the Housing Group. The arrival of Universal Credit has placed new demands on them. No matter who or what, the Centre tries to help them. The Centre is heavily dependent on donations from people like you; please be as generous as you can – thank you. If you have any surplus warm clothing in reasonable condition, either sex, any age group, particularly hats, coats, scarves, sweaters, shoes etc, please let me know.

Thanks very much in advance. *Ian Lester*

Parish Quiz

Saturday 24th November

7.00 for 7.30pm start

Refreshments – Baked Potato with Sausages

Bring your own drinks

Teams of up to six players - £8.00 per player

Please register your team with Godfrey or Linda Chesshire

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	Sunday, 18 th November – 9.30am Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'World Day of the Poor'	Sunday, 25 th November – 9.30am Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 'Youth Day'
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Alex Abel (RIP) Baptism of Edward Woodall-Pagan	Father Frank Jack McLean (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Jacob & Laura	Ethan & Joe
Wardens:	Godfrey Cheshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley	Kevin & Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat
Readers:	Dominic Green & Ciaran McSorley	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Fairbrother Teresa Green & John McLellan	Monica Green Stefan Hunka & Charles Keane
Counting:	Devoy Family	Dave & Aislinn Cant
Tea & Coffee:	Claire & Charles Keane	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Irene Gibbons	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Joan Mclean	Christine Harris
Children's Liturgy:	Kathryn & Jane	Louise & Kathryn
Music	Instrumental Group	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date: Time:	Tuesday 20 th Nov 10.00am Mass	Wednesday 21 st Nov 7.00pm Mass
Intention:	Margaret Bixby	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations and silent prayer for half an hour before Benediction at 8.00pm Holy Souls

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

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

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