

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Youth Day**

*"It is you that say I am a king"*

**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.** *The feast of Christ the King, which the holy Church throughout the world celebrates today, brings to a close the Church's liturgical year. Our image of a monarch tends to be of one who lives a privileged life and lords it over others. Christ our King is not like that. He came to serve, not to be served and he wants us to imitate him in his loving service of others. That is why, as St. John of the Cross said: "In the evening of life we shall be examined on love." If to love and to serve our neighbour is heavenly, hell is the suffering of one who can no longer love.*

**Saints & Feast Days this Week:** St Andrew (30<sup>th</sup>), St Edmund Campion (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Collection: 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Loose plate £78.10, envelopes £45.00, standing orders £390.00, **Total £513.10.**

The Collection today for **The Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre** £306.10. **Thank you.**

**Millennium Breakfast.** Many thanks to everyone who supported the breakfast last week and to those who gave donations. We raised **£225.80.** A brilliant effort! A cheque will be sent to Fr Ed's account soon

**Induction of Fr Rob Taylerson** will take place at St George and St Teresa this Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00 pm followed by refreshments. All welcome. Please let Fr Frank know if you intend to attend in order that G&T can be advised of numbers.

**Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars** are on sale. All proceeds will go towards Group 83 HCPT Funds.

**The Walk with Me Booklets** are now available at £1 each. Please put your donation in the box in the Wall marked Piety Stall.

**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 readings of the First Sunday in Advent.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 (20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:traceymcatamney@btconnect.com) **Tel: 01676 532940 Mobile 0791 8191560.**

The **Advent Giving Tree** will go up before next Sunday. There are gift tags for presents for those who have been going through difficult times. The parish gifts will be delivered by hand by children in the parish. The gifts we donate to Father Hudson's care will be picked up after the carol service. They are always gratefully received. Father Hudson's specifically need gifts of family selection boxes as they want to ensure that all families who attend their projects receive one. They value all winter gifts e.g. slippers, socks, warm nightwear and gift vouchers can be donated. They also want children's gifts but over the age of 8 only. Thank you so much for all your donations this advent.

**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](mailto: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, Andrew Burton.

**Anniversaries:** Dennis Clifford, Johnnie Kelly, Margaret Kinsella, Jack McLean, Mary Richards, Rita Weston.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am	Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Day:</b>	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 'Youth Day'	First Sunday of Advent
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Jack McLean (RIP)	Lawrence Moore (RIP)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Team B – Ethan & Joe	Team C – James
<b>Wardens:</b>	Kevin & Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat	Kevin & Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat
<b>Readers:</b>	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke	John Peat & Bysshe Gibbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Monica Green Stefan Hunka & Charles Keane	Godfrey Chesshire Teresa Green & Charles Keane
<b>Counting:</b>	Dave & Aislinn Cant	Charles Keane & Mike Fairbrother
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	Christine Harris	Advent – no flowers
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Louise & Kathryn	Monica & Claire
<b>Music</b>	Instrumental Group	Instrumental Group

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Time:</b>	10.00am Mass	10.00am Mass	6.00pm Mass
<b>Intention:</b>	Marie and Teresa Moore	Holy Souls	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 Eileen Selby (intentions)

**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 [godfreychesshire@btinternet.com](mailto:godfreychesshire@btinternet.com) or call on **01676 532352**

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