

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

23rd December 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: That every country determine to take necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Father Frank. *In today’s Gospel Luke relates the story of the Visitation and it involves the encounter of two pregnant women. Mary, who is from Galilee, journeys to Judea, the place where, one day, the son she is carrying will be cruelly rejected and condemned to die. At Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child in her womb “leapt for joy.” Joy is the first response to the coming of the Messiah. Preparing for the great celebration of the Nativity of the Lord means experiencing the joy of knowing that our God is the God who comes to us - the God who gives himself for us because he loves us.*

Saints & Feast Days this Week: St Stephen (26th), St John, Apostle (27th), Holy Innocents (28th), St Thomas Becket (29th).

Collection: 16th December: Loose plate £75.60, envelopes £93.50, standing orders £390.00, **Total £559.10.**

Christmas Raffle. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes. This is your last chance to buy tickets; the draw will take place after mass this morning.

The Field. Thank you to all of you who have represented your opinions and shown support over the matters concerning the field. Apologies for not responding to you individually - it’s been a rather busy time! **Father Frank**

The next Get-together will be on Wednesday 9th January. Details nearer the time.

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: Jessie Rose Cotterill. John Farmer, Leslie Giles, Helen Hopkins, Sheila Maguire, John Rahill, George Ritchie, Ian Stewart, Alison Taylor.

This Week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday, 23 rd December – 9.30am	Sunday, 30 th December – 9.30am
Day:	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Geraldine Delaney 9RIP)	Tony Beck (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Jacob & Laura	Ethan & Joe
Wardens:	Chris Burleigh Christine Horner & Christina Plater	Ian & Fran Lester Alan Devoy
Readers:	Gerry Hudson & Nuala Fulham	Mary Sharp & David Bixby
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Fairbrother John & Louise Perry	Monica Green Joe Martin & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Maureen Carroll Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp
Tea & Coffee:	Margaret & Chris Burleigh	Cheshire Family

Cleaning:	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire & Sarah Noonan	Kathryn Driffield & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Advent – no flowers	Kathy Jones
Children's Liturgy:	Holiday	Holiday
Music	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

This week's services

Date:	Monday 24 th Dec	Tuesday 25 th Dec	Wednesday 26 th Dec	Thursday day 27 th
Time:	7.30pm Mass Vigil Mass For the Solemnity of the Nativity	09.30am Mass Mass of Christmas Day for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	10.00am Feast of St Stephen	Mass 10.00am Feast of St John the Evangelist with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 11.00am
Intention:	People of the Parish	Ian Stewart (RIP)	Jessie Cotterill (RIP)	
Wardens:	Chris Burleigh	Joe Martin & Monica Green		
Readers	Mike Fairbrother & John McLellan	David Green & Joel Smith		
Eucharist Ministers:	Carol Beck Charles Keane & John McLellan	Monica Green Teresa Green & Stefan Hunka		
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire		

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 or call on **01676 532352**

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