

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent**

*“What must we do?”*

**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.** *Today is Gaudete Sunday and “Gaudete” refers to the joy of the Lord which we find echoed in today’s scripture readings. We also hear about John the Baptist in today’s Gospel and John marks the end of the time of waiting and the beginning of the new age in Jesus. John is the last of the great prophets. For a long time, the people had been without a messenger from God but in John the Baptist the people discovered an end to God’s silence. Through John they could hear the word of God. We are told that many went out from the towns and cities to see John - which is testimony to his charismatic power to attract people - such is the powerful attraction of the word of God alive and active in a person.*

**Saints & Feast Days this Week:** St Peter Canisius (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Carol Service.** This evening at 6.30pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Collection: 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Loose plate £47.60, envelopes £77.00, standing orders £390.00, **Total £514.60.**

The collection for the **Poor Parishes of the Diocese raised £101.58. Thank you.**

**Confession before Christmas.** There will be an opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday after the Mass. During this time people may also make their Confession.

**100 Club Final Draw:**

1	12	£75.00	Calum Bennett
2	22	£45.00	Ann Dodd
3	77	£30.00	Margaret McLellan

**Christmas Raffle.** Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes including: Sylvia Clifford - The Counting House, Leamington Spa, Haig’s Hotel, Nailcote Hall, Whittles Restaurant @ Binswood Hall, Mallory Court, Belgrade Theatre, Albany Theatre & Ladies First. We have sold £500 worth of tickets so far – please return any ticket money, stubs as soon as possible. *Bysshe and Judith* will be collecting the money after mass and after the Carol Service today. The Draw will take place after mass next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

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

**Father Hudson’s Care** is having their Christmas Carol Celebration this Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in The Parish Church, Sacred Heart & St. Teresa, Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA. The Celebration will begin at 11.30. It will be led by Archbishop Bernard Longley and will be followed by a Buffet Lunch at St George’s House, which is at the back of The Church. You are all invited. If you are thinking of going, please let Maureen know. Her phone number is 01676 533259.

**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:** Annie Chesshire, Ted Doyle, Beatrice Howse, Marjorie Mayer, Alex Plater

**Recently departed:** Pat Pearson (*Good friend of Group 83*)

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am	Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	John & Peter Clarke (RIP)	Geraldine Delaney (RIP)
<b>6.30pm – Carol Service</b>		
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	James	Jacob & Laure
<b>Wardens:</b>	John Perry Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones	Chris Burleigh Christine Horner & Christina Plater
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise & John Perry	Gerry Hudson & Nuala Fulham
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Stefan Hunka Joe Martin & John McLellan	Mike Fairbrother John & Louise Perry
<b>Counting:</b>	Bob & Kathy Jones	Maureen Carroll Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
<b>Cleaning:</b>	BLITZ – Louise Perry Lead	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire & Sarah Noonan
<b>Flowers:</b>	Advent – no flowers	Advent – no flowers
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Jane & Louise	Holiday
<b>Music</b>	Linda Chesshire	Kathryn Green

### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Time:</b>	10.00am Mass	10.00am Mass	6.30pm Mass Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
<b>Intention:</b>	Tony Beck (RIP)	Doreen Crewe (RIP)	Mary Slattery (RIP)

**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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