

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

3rd February 2019 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

“Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Father Frank: *In the Gospel today, we hear how Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth and is chased out of the village by an angry mob who are determined to kill him. Why? Because he was telling the truth and they couldn’t bear to hear the truth. The truth can be hard to hear, especially when it exposes uncomfortable and unpleasant things about ourselves. This does not prevent Christ from continuing with his mission - to proclaim the truth that brings liberty, but it does not prevent his opponents responding with violence.*

Saints & Feast Days this Week: St Agatha (5th); St Paul Miki & Companions (6th), St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking victims (8th).

Collection 27th January: Loose plate £44.78, envelopes £80.00, standing orders £390.00, Total £514.78.

Choir Practice: There will be choir practice today after mass, 11 am – 12 noon, to work on music for Easter and beyond. New members are welcome. For more details, please speak to Ian Clarke.

Get-Together: Our next get-together is this Wednesday, 6th February. We meet at 12 noon in the parish room for a light lunch and dessert. All are welcome.

100 Club 2019. Many thanks to all who have renewed or taken out a subscription. If you have not yet renewed your subscription and would like to do so, Chris and John will be in the hall after Mass this Sunday. Next Sunday, 10th February, will be the last chance to renew or to join the 100 Club for this year.

Inspiring Hope: Bishop Kenney talks about CAFOD’s work in Sudan and South Sudan on 6 February, 7.30pm - 9pm, (light refreshments from 7pm). Venue: St Peter’s Church, Leamington Spa. To book your place, please contact Elizabeth Wignall at ewignall@cafod.org.uk or on 01922 722944.

Talk on Thomas Merton: Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell is giving a talk about this Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, social activist and scholar of comparative religion at 2pm on Sunday 24th February at St Mary’s, Harborne. Tea served from 1.30pm. Contact: mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk.

World Day of Prayer: Our service is on Friday 1st March at 10.30am at Balsall Common Methodist Church. If you are willing to help, please contact Louise Perry on 01676 533357 or email jlgperry@btinternet.com.

Thanks from Tracey McAtamney: Thank you to everyone who purchased a copy of my book last week - I was amazed when all 20 copies I had with me were sold. I will leave some copies in a box for purchase after mass at the price of £7.99 each, with all profit going to charity.

Faith in Politics – Internship for 2019: This scheme is for recently graduated Catholics and will run from September 2019 until July 2020. Further information is available at www.faithinpolitics.org.uk.

St George & St Teresa Primary School Nursery places 2019: For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. More information is on the school website: www.stgandt.solihull.sch.uk.

St George & St Teresa Primary School Head Teacher: Des Foxon is retiring at the end of this school term after a 39-year career as a teacher, the last 27 years of which have been as Head of St. George and St. Teresa School. Please keep him and the School in your prayers.

Princethorpe College vacancies: Details of current vacancies for teaching and non-teaching posts are available at www.princethorpe.co.uk/employment-opportunities.

Vacancy for Head Teacher: Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School, Princethorpe. For details please email admin3561@we-learn.com or phone 01926 632385. Closing Date: Monday 25th February.

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

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, Darragh Sheehan.

Anniversaries: Becky Hulme, Val Burgess, Tommy Kelly, Derek Bubb, Mollie, Lea, George Hammond.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 3 rd February– 9.30am	Sunday 10 th February– 9.30am
Day:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Becky Hulme (RIP)	Gerry Clarke (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Jacob & Laura	Ethan & Joe
Wardens:	Helen Woods, Bysshe & Judith Gibbs	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
Readers:	Tony Cotterill & Ellie Clarke	Raymond & Lesley Ritchie
Eucharistic Ministers:	Godfrey Chesshire, Stefan Hunka & Eileen Selby	Carol Beck, Charles Keane & John McLellan
Counting:	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Jones Family
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Flowers:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Celine Burley & Claire Keane	Kathryn Driffield & Sara Stevens
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 5 th February	Wednesday 6 th February	Thursday 7 th February
Time:	10.00 am	10.00 am	7.00 pm
	Memorial of St Agatha	Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions	Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00 pm.
Intention:	Margaret Bixby (RIP)		

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216.

Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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