

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

24th February 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

“Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.”

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

Father Frank: *In today’s Gospel Jesus calls us to love our enemies - to love like the God in whose image and likeness we were originally created. Humanity has made itself the enemy of God through its sinfulness - our turning our backs on the way of God’s love. This is seen most keenly in the way humanity treated God’s beloved Son. Yet God loves us. He loves us as we are, but he loves us too much to let us stay as we are. His love wants to transform us, more and more, into the likeness of Jesus, who is true the image of God and who loved his enemies - praying for those who crucified him: “Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing.”*

Saints & Feast Days this Week: St David (1st).

Collection 17th February: Loose plate £67.90, envelopes £57.00, standing orders £390.00, Total £514.90.

Confirmation: Confirmation candidates and any seeking reception into full communion with the Church this year must submit their names and contact details to Fr Frank, by email, (address given at the end of the newsletter) before the end of February 2019.

Candle of Dedication: This is lit anew each Sunday; you can request a dedication in remembrance of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion. Please complete the details in the diary in the Narthex, indicating if you want the candle to be placed in front of the statue of Our Lady (OL) or by the Sacred Heart statue (SH), and on the envelope containing your donation (suggested amount: £5). Please hand your completed envelope to the wardens or to either Ann Ostler or Bridget Harrison.

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: On the last Thursday of each month there is an opportunity for those who are sick to partake of this sacrament. The practice of being anointed with oil as a powerful prayer for strengthening and healing dates back to the earliest Church. Scripture bears witness to this when it says: “Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.”

First Friday: On the first Friday of every month there is a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This Friday the Mass is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in order that we might join with the rest of the Archdiocese in praying for vocations to the priesthood. All welcome.

Deanery Prayer for Vocations: We have been invited by the Deanery to join in a month of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. We are all asked to select a day in March and to commit to praying on that day for vocations. If you feel you would like to join in please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church against your selected day. Please see Bysse for further details.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March (Ash Wednesday), when there will be a Mass at 7.00pm together with the Imposition of Ashes. Let us make every effort to make a good start to the season of Lent and to use this time to renew and deepen our life in Christ. To help us, every Tuesday in Lent, after the 10.00am Mass, there will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. On Thursday evenings of Lent, after Mass, there will be Meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in these devotions.

Warwick Deanery Evangelisation Team: Our next meeting is on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter’s Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help us planning how to share the Good News. Contact: Peter Dimambro tel: 01926 428399 email: mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk.

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

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, Barry Holmes.

Anniversaries: Peter Doyle, John Cawley, Margaret Mulrennan, Glen Burgess, Martin Moylan, Cyril Smith, Thomas Lawless, Vera Price, Joyce Needham, Carmel O'Connor, Keith Denison, Bunty Coxon, Charlotte Lowey, Judith Whitmarsh, Arthur Innes, Winnie White, Tom Carolan, Betty Burleigh.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 24 th February– 9.30am	Sunday 3 rd March– 9.30am
Day:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Frank Boyle (RIP)	Reg Hammond (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Ethan & Joe	Jacob & Laura
Wardens:	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner & Christina Plater	Alan Devoy, Ian & Fran Lester
Readers:	Nigel Parker & Ian Lester	Dominic Green & Ciaran McSorley
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nuala Fulham, Teresa Green & Joe Martin	TBA
Counting:	McSorley family	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Mitchell & Selby family	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
Cleaning:	Sarah Noonan, Godfrey & Linda Chesshire	Kathryn Driffield & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Helen Woods	Linda Chesshire
Children's Liturgy:	Half-term	Claire Keane & Celine Burley
Music:	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

Service and Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 26 th February	Wednesday 27 th February	Thursday 28 th February	Friday 1 st March
Time:	10.00 am	10.00 am	6.00 pm	10.00 am
Intention:			Winifred & Patrick Ruane (RIP) <i>Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction around 7.05pm</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood <i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

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

Archdiocese of Birmingham website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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