

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

## **15th September 2019 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

*“The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.”*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for September:** “That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans”.

**Father Frank:** *Today’s Gospel passage speaks to us of the tender and forgiving love of God. It is the love which is at the heart of Christ and which he reveals through his words and actions. He is the friend of sinners. He seeks out the lost and rejoices over their return to the way of love and life. Those who encounter this merciful life-giving love in Christ are transformed for there is no greater treasure than this. St. Paul says that everything else is like so much rubbish compared to the forgiving love of Christ. And it is in this encounter with the sacred and loving heart of Christ that a religion of the heart is born. Not a religion of laws written on tablets of stone but a religion of love written on hearts of flesh.*

**Collection:** 8<sup>th</sup> September: Loose plate £75.00, Envelopes £48.00, standing orders £430.00, **Total £553.00.**

The collection for the Catholic Education Service last Sunday raised £111.10. Thank you.

**There will be a collection next Sunday for Father Hudson’s Care.**

**Saints and Feast Days this week:** Ss Cornelius & Cyprian (16<sup>th</sup>), Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions (20<sup>th</sup>), St Matthew (21<sup>st</sup>).

**Dates for your diary relating to this Silver Anniversary Year of Blessed Robert Grissold Church:**

- ❖ Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Confirmation, together with the Blessing of our commemorative window by Bishop William. **(Please note revised date).**
- ❖ 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day - 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold.

We hope as many of you as possible will enjoy taking part in these events.

**Choir Practice:** Choir practice has begun again after the Summer break. We will be preparing music for the Confirmation Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and our Christmas celebrations. Please make every effort to attend! This is an ideal time to join the choir if you love to sing and have an interest in church music. Auditions or previous experience are not required, and you would be very welcome.

**Visitation.** The opening service for the Bishops visitation to our Deanery is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm at St Peter’s Leamington Spa. The Vicar General has suggested that each parish in the Deanery should be represented by their priest and 10 parishioners (who are representatives of groups or activities in the parish). The order of events is Vespers (Evening Prayer) led by Bishop William, followed by a presentation by the Archbishop. There will be refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. Please let Fr Frank know if you are interested in attending.

**Training Sessions:** There are a number of Training Sessions being run by the Archdiocese at various times and places over the coming weeks and months for those with responsibility in the Parish for: Safeguarding; GDPR; Property and Finance. For full details of the times and venues please see the notice board or Fr Frank.

**JOB VACANCY – COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER:** The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time position of Communications Officer. Based in the Columban Mission Office at St. Columban’s in Solihull, the role will develop and expand Columban communications in Britain, bringing the witness and experience of Columban missionaries to new people and new communities with empathy for our values and vision. For more information and to apply visit: [www.columbans.co.uk/join-us/communications-officer](http://www.columbans.co.uk/join-us/communications-officer) Tel: 01564 772096 Email: [hr@columbans.co.uk](mailto:hr@columbans.co.uk). Deadline: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

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

**Items for Weekly Bulletin:** Please note that *Godfrey Chesshire* has taken over the bulletin editorial. Please send items to [godfreycheshire@btinternet.com](mailto:godfreycheshire@btinternet.com) or call on 01676 532352 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

**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, Maureen Carroll.

**Anniversaries:** Tony McDonald.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

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| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>       | Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – 9.30 a.m.     | Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September – 9.30 a.m.    |
| <b>Day:</b>                   | Twenty-Fourth Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time (Year C) | Twenty-Fifth Sunday<br>in Ordinary Time (Year C) |
| <b>Celebrant:</b>             | Father Frank                                      | Father Frank                                     |
| <b>Intention:</b>             | Richard & Maureen Connor (RIP)                    | Richard & Maureen Connor (RIP)                   |
| <b>Altar Servers:</b>         | Joe & James                                       | Ethan & Laura                                    |
| <b>Wardens:</b>               | Christine Harris<br>Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons | Ciaran McSoeley<br>Celine Burley & John McLellan |
| <b>Readers:</b>               | Chris Burleigh &<br>Andrew Chesshire-Ramon        | Nigel Parker & Ian Lester                        |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Teresa Green<br>Charles Keane & Carol Beck        | Nuala Fulham<br>Stefan Hunka & Monica Green      |
| <b>Counting:</b>              | Jean Henser & Bernard Hammond                     | Cant Family                                      |
| <b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>      | Chris Lynn & Mary Sharpe                          | Selby Family & Chris Mitchell                    |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>              | Margaret Hughes & Judith Kennedy                  | Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby                    |
| <b>Flowers:</b>               | Louise Perry                                      | Ann Parker                                       |
| <b>Children's Liturgy:</b>    | tba   | tba  |
| <b>Music:</b>                 | Cathy Grimley                                     | Instrumental Group                               |

### Mass Times this week

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| <b>Date:</b>      | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept  |
| <b>Time:</b>      | 10.00 am Mass                 | 10.00 am Mass                   | 7.00 pm Mass  |
| <b>Intention:</b> |                               |                                 | followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00pm |

**Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: [parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk)**

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**Parish website: [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)**

**Warwick Catholic Deanery website: [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)**

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