

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

6th October 2019 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

"If only you had faith!"

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: *"That the breath of the Holy Spirit engenders a new missionary "spring" in the Church.*

Father Frank: *We hear in the Gospel today of the apostles' desire to grow in faith, "Increase our faith," they say. Jesus' response is to speak of how faith can accomplish great things, even if it is small. What Jesus seems to be saying is that what really matters is that faith is exercised, put into practice - that is how it strengthens and grows. Our faith increases when we put it into practice and our practice is to be that of disciples of Jesus. And when we have proved faithful servants of Christ, all we can rightfully say is: "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."*

Collection: 29th September: Loose plate £92.45, Envelopes £47.50, standing orders £430.00, **Total £569.95.**

There will be a collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day after mass today.

Saints and Feast Days this week: Blessed John Henry Newman (9th), St John XXIII (11th), St Wilfrid (12th)

Early start Tuesday: Please note that the Mass on Tuesday is at 9.30am. The earlier start is to enable Fr Frank to attend the Deanery Meeting in Warwick.

Later Mass on Wednesday: Please note that the Mass (the Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman) this Wednesday is at 7.00pm - before the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.

October and the Rosary. October is the month of the Rosary and it is a good time therefore to renew our devotion to our Lord and our Blessed Lady through this rich source of prayer. We will offer up a decade of the Rosary before the Sunday Mass and after every weekday Mass throughout the month of October.

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

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

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

Parish Pastoral Council: there will be a meeting of the Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9th October to discuss arrangements for the Confirmation and blessing of the anniversary window; and to consider arrangements for the Episcopal Visitation of Bishop William in February.

Lourdes. Maureen is going to Lourdes on Saturday, 19th October, returning on Friday, 25th October. She is going in a small group and will stay in Hosanna House. She is happy to light a candle if you wish and take petitions with her. Please pray for the group as they will pray for you.

HELP: If you have any surplus garden produce e.g. green tomatoes, onions, plums or currants, please let me know and I'll convert it into parish funds! **Judith tel. 01676 534010.**

Christmas Raffle: It's that time of year again when I am looking for the donation of Raffle Prizes for the Christmas Raffle. As you are aware the raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers each year made possible by your generosity in donating prizes, buying the raffle tickets and selling to friends and family. In particular, I will need to know the first three prizes before the end of October when the tickets go to print. There will be a list at the back of the church, or you can contact me directly, traceymcatamney@btconnect.com or 01676 532940. Thank you - Tracey

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.

One World Week Supper – Friday 18th October (7.30pm), here at Blessed Robert Grissold. ‘Loneliness & Social Desolation’. Our guest speaker is Dr Clare-Louise Walker. In generic terms she is a Consultant in Public Health and her current job titles are: Clinical Research Specialty Lead, NIHR Clinical Research Network for Public Health (West Midlands), Training Programme Director, Postgraduate Public Health Specialty Training Programme, Health Education England, Honorary Research Fellow, University of Warwick.

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 godfreychesshire@btinternet.com or call on **01676 532352** by **7.00pm on Wednesday**.

Memories of Our Church: as part of the commemoration of 25 years of our church, we would like to collect your memories and photos of our parish over the last 25 years for a pull out and keep souvenir to be published as part of our Christmas Newsletter.

If you would like to share your memories and photos please contact Eleanor Clarke after Mass or email her on iehclarke@btinternet.com

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: Edna Allen, Gordon Edward Burleigh, Sean Casey, Peter Clarke, Seamus Gannon, Graham Jones.

Lately dead: Hildegard Atherton, Sister Brigid & Ken Gamble. (*all friends of Maureen*).

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Help with surviving bereavement: life after loss

Are you struggling to come to terms with the loss of a loved one or helping someone else who has been affected by bereavement?

Maybe you feel lost or uncertain about the future or are finding it difficult to move forwards. In addition to emotional support, perhaps you would also benefit from practical advice in relation to legal or financial affairs?

If you need any of the support described, then you may be interested in attending one of our forthcoming seminars.

The seminars are 'meet up' events, where you can come together with other people who have experienced loss and participate in information sessions designed to support in the areas of wellbeing support, financial and legal advice – most of all, time to talk!

There are also guest speakers at each event exploring the theme of 'life after loss'.

Dates for seminars:

11th October at The Lake at Barston, 10.00am – 1.00pm.

12th November at The Pavilion, Nailcote Hall, 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Cost details: £35.00 – which includes lunch or supper, a mindfulness session, information pack and on-going support.

For further information or to book please email Tracey McAtamney, tracey@survivingbereavement.com or via our website www.survivingbereavement.com via Eventbrite.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	Sunday 6 th October – 9.30 am Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Father Frank	Sunday 13 th October – 9.30 am Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Father Frank
Altar Servers:	Ethan & Laura	Joe & James
Wardens:	Kevin & Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs & Helen Woods
Readers:	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke	John Peat & Bysshe Gibbs
Eucharistic Ministers:	John Perry Charles Keane & Teresa Green	Carol Beck Louise Perry & John McLellan
Counting:	Jones Family	Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser
Tea & Coffee:	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs	Cheshire Family
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Linda Cheshire	Linda Cheshire
Children's Liturgy:	Louise & Celine	Kathryn & Claire
Music:	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie

Mass Times this week

Date: Time: Intention:	Tuesday 8 th October 9.30 am Mass	Wednesday 9 th October 7.00 pm Mass Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman	Thursday 20 th October 7.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00 pm
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Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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

Archdiocese of Birmingham website: www.birminghamdiocese.