

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

27th October 2019 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

“The publican went home at rights with God, the Pharisee did not”

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

Father Frank: *Thank you for participating in offering up a decade of the Rosary at each Mass this month. By the end of October, we will have prayed all twenty of the Mysteries of the Rosary as a community and I hope this exercise will inspire us to continue with this prayer at other times. October is the month of the Holy Rosary and so it is fitting that we should reflect on the power of the Rosary as a means of prayer and of the important part it can play in our spiritual life. God’s grace comes to us through our praying the Rosary and that is why the saints prayed it faithfully and why Popes have endorsed it through the ages. Our Holy Mother has urged the praying of the Rosary wherever she has appeared in recent times. Surely this should be an encouragement to us to try and pray, at least, a decade of the Rosary daily. To this end, it can be useful to carry a Rosary with us always and to have one at our bedside. If anyone requires instruction on how to pray the Rosary, I will be happy to help.*

Collection: 20th October: Loose plate £46.30, Envelopes £38.00, standing orders £430.00; **Total £514.30.**

The collection for the Propagation of the Faith last week raised £48.50. Thank you.

There will be a collection next week for the Johnson Association. This charity supports clergy, who, on account of age or infirmity, are no longer able to carry out their parochial work.

Saints and Feast Days this week: Ss Simon & Jude (28th), Solemnity of All Saints (1st), All Souls’ Day (2nd).

October is the month of the Rosary and we have prayed a decade of the Rosary at each Mass throughout the month of October as a gentle reminder, if it is needed, of the great riches that are to be had in this form of prayer. Padre Pio, the holy saint who received the stigmata, loved to pray the Rosary. He always kept his Rosary beads in his hand. Because he prayed it almost constantly, he was known as the ‘living Rosary.’ One day his superior asked him how many Rosaries he had prayed that day. Wanting to be respectful and honest with his superior he told him: “I have prayed thirty-four Rosaries today.” On another occasion a follower asked him to teach him a prayer that was most pleasing to our Blessed Lady. Without hesitation, he insisted that none is more beautiful or pleasing than the Rosary. And he further instructed him: “Always say the Rosary. The Rosary is a weapon in our hands.” Near the end of his life he didn’t talk much and when people sought his advice or help he would simply show them the Rosary. Let us follow St Pio’s example and always have our Rosary with us.

All Souls. There are envelopes for your prayer intentions and offerings at the back of the church. Please write the names of your departed loved ones clearly on a piece of paper and enclose it in one of the envelopes provided, together with your offering. I will offer the Mass for those named on All Souls’ Day and they will be named in the intercessions at the Masses for the Holy Souls that will be offered throughout the month of November. A tray will be placed by the altar to receive your Mass intentions and offerings. The Commemoration of All Souls will take place at 10.00am on Saturday 2nd November.

Baptism. We welcome and pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of Eleanor Irwin who is to be baptised here today.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered in the Mass on Thursday at 6.00pm. Mass is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 7.05pm.

All Saints: The Solemnity of all Saints will be celebrated on Friday 1st November at 7.00pm.

Book of Remembrance: Our Book of Remembrance will be updated in time for the mass on 10th November. If you wish to add any names into the Book, please could you complete one of the forms at the back of the Book and leave it under the Book by Sunday 3rd November. Please print any names you wish to be added on the form and be sure to include the month and day in which you would like that person to be remembered. Thank you.

Confirmation. We welcome Bishop William next week. He will celebrate the Mass, preach and Confirm our candidates. He will also bless our commemorative window. There will be a reception in the hall after Mass - to which all are welcome. Please keep the Confirmation Candidates, Chloe, Ethan, Carys, Erin and James, in your prayers as they make their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday 3rd November.

Millennium Breakfast: Our next breakfast will take place after Mass on November 10th. We will be serving warm croissants and toast as usual, along with coffee, tea and orange juice for a suggested donation of £2. The proceeds will be given to Columban Father Ed O'Connell to assist him with his projects in Lima.

Silver Anniversary Year of Blessed Robert Grissold Church: The church will be providing a buffet after mass on the 3rd of November to celebrate the children's confirmation and blessing of the new window by Bishop William. Could we please have volunteers for making cakes and providing food. Please see Ann Dodd and Louise Perry after mass today if you feel you could help.

Christmas Raffle: 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 next week when the tickets are printed. 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.

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

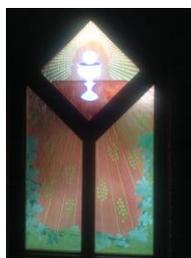
Friends of the Holy Land – a message from the Vice Chairman: *It would be wonderful if some of your parishioners could make one of our 10th anniversary events in 3 weeks' time – either Temple Church London on Thursday 14th or preferably Coventry Cathedral for our service on Saturday 16th followed by our National Conference with lunch from 12.30pm – 4pm, each attended by Archbishop Suheil Dawani to lead us in prayer and give us an update on the latest situation over there. Details on the notice board. As you will see, at Coventry we are being graced with the presence of Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Bernard Longley. There is also a coach going from St. Francis Church, Kenilworth. Kind regards, Peter Rand.*

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, Maureen Carroll.

Anniversaries: Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Irene Hunka, Harold Jones, Catherine McGovern, Simon McGrath, Steve Riley,

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.



This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	Sunday 27 th October – 9.30 am Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Father Frank James Giltrap (RIP) Baptism – Eleanor Irwin	Sunday 3 rd November – 9.30 am Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Father Frank Confirmation Candidates
Altar Servers:	Joe & James	Ethan & Laura
Wardens:	John Perry Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones	Chris Burleigh Christine Horner & Christina Plater
Readers:	Louise & John Perry	Gerry Hudson & Nuala Fulham
Eucharistic Ministers:	Godfrey Chesshire Nuala Fulham & Stefan Hunka	Stefan Hunka & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Bob & Kathy Jones	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Claire & Charles Keane
Cleaning:	Sarah Noonan Godfrey & Linda Chesshire	Kathryn Driffield & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Chris Mitchell	Christine Harris
Children's Liturgy:	Half Term	Confirmation
Music:	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

Mass Times this week

Date: Time: Intention	Tuesday 29 th October 10.00am Mass Isabel Margaret Kay	Wednesday 30 th October 10.00am Mass Sr Mary Dominic Dickinson	Thursday 31 st October 6.00 pm Mass With the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 7.05pm
Friday, 1 st November 7.00pm Mass – Solemnity of All the Saints – People of the Parish			
Saturday, 2 nd November – 10.00am Mass – All Souls Day - the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed			

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

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