

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**24th November 2019 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**King of the Universe – Year A**

*“Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for November:** *“That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.”*

**Father Frank:** *The feast of Christ the King, which the Holy Church throughout the world celebrates today, brings to a close the Church’s liturgical year. Our image of a monarch tends to be of one who lives a privileged life and lords it over others. Christ our King is not like that. He came to serve, not to be served, and he wants us to imitate him in his loving service of others. That is why, as St. John of the Cross said: “In the evening of life we shall be examined on love.” If to love and to serve our neighbour is heavenly, hell is the suffering of one who can no longer love.*

**Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** every last Thursday in the 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.”

**Advent** begins next Sunday. During Advent, the evening Mass on Thursdays will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction. The meditations accompanying Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent and Christmas will reflect the themes of those holy seasons. In addition, there will be an opportunity to make your Confession prior to Christmas, after Mass on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Collection:** 17<sup>th</sup> November: Loose plate £69.45, Envelopes £62.00, standing orders £430.00; **Total £561.45.**

**There will be a collection next Sunday for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.**

**Please pray for Cora Beatrice Noonan**, who is to be baptised today after Mass. Also, pray for her parents, godparents, family and friends.

**Walk with Me Booklets for Advent will be available from next Sunday.**

**Saints and Feast Days this week:** St Catherine of Alexandria (25<sup>th</sup>), St Andrew (30<sup>th</sup>).

**Christmas Goodies Sale.** After mass next Sunday December 1st. Sale of mince pies, pickled onions, chutney, preserves, cakes and gifts. Proceeds for parish funds.

**Christmas Raffle:** Raffle Tickets are available to sell at the back of the church. Please take away and sell to friends, colleagues and family. We have some fantastic prizes including £150 cash prize to cover the cost of Christmas Lunch! Christmas Hamper, Lunch for 2 at Mallory Court, Sunday Lunch for 4 at The Counting House Leamington Spa, Afternoon Tea for 2 at Whittles Restaurant, Binswood Hall, Vouchers, Bottles, Christmas Cake, Chocolates & much more....Many thanks - Tracey

**Christmas Newsletter - Articles and Pictures Wanted:** It’s that time of year again when work commences on the Christmas Newsletter. To mark the 25th anniversary of our church, this year’s newsletter will be a bumper edition, but this is only possible if you provide pictures and articles about parish life over the last 12 months or so. Please send your words, poetry, pictures etc to Ian Clarke on [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) as soon as possible. If you have any questions or ideas for good articles, please talk to Ian after Mass.

**Christmas:** Christmas cards, calendars & candles are on sale from today. All proceed will go to HCPT Group 83.

**General Election – Meet the Candidates:** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. Questions in advance please to Godfrey at 01676 532352 Or [godfreycheshire@btinternet.com](mailto:godfreycheshire@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, Maureen Carroll, Rob Branson.

**Anniversaries:** Jack Harper, Margaret Kinsella, Rita Weston, Jack McLean, Mary Richards.

**Lately Dead:** Ida O'Brien, friend of Maureen Carroll and member of the Catholic Ramblers in Birmingham for many years.

**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.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November – 9.30 am	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December – 9.30 am
<b>Day:</b>	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C)	First Sunday of Advent (Year A)
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Teresa Petropoulos RIP  11.00am Baptism of Cora Beatrice Noonan	Jack McLean RIP  Baptism of Liam Joseph Hunt
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joe & James	Ethan & Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	Ciaran McSorley Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley
<b>Readers:</b>	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka	John McLellan & Aidir Parizzi
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Louise Perry Charles Keane & Nuala Fulham	Monica Green Stefan Hunka & Joe Martin
<b>Counting:</b>	Devoy Family	Dave & Aislinn Cant
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Chris Lynn & Irene Gibbons	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
<b>Flowers:</b>	Pam Martin	Advent – no flowers
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Louise & Monica	Jane & Celine
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group (Youth Mass)	Ian & Ellie Clarke

### Mass Times this week

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Time:</b>	10.00am Mass	10.00am Mass	6.00pm 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
<b>Intention:</b>	Holy Souls	Holy Souls	

**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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