

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

8th December 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent– Year A

“Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for December: *“That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.*

Father Frank: *The invitation to welcome the God who comes to us in Christ and to cast away empty living is repeated in the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Advent. The Opening Prayer of the Mass asks that no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet Christ. And today we hear the lonely voice of John the Baptist who exhorts us to prepare a way for the Lord. May our faithfulness to the spirit of Advent create a space so that the Lord can come to us.*

Collection: 1st December: Loose plate £128.00, Envelopes £34.00, standing orders £430.00; **Total £592.00.**

There will be a collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese today.

Walk with Me Booklets for Advent are available. Price £1.00 each. Please put money in the wall box.

Saints and Feast Days this week: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9th), Our Lady of Guadalupe (12th), St Lucy (13th), St John of the Cross (14th).

Carol Service: next Sunday at 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish room.

Christmas giving tree: Every year we decorate our Christmas tree with tags for presents that we, as a parish donate to others. Some will be given to local parishioners and the rest are given to Fr Hudson’s charity. They have many projects (I have added their newsletter to the notice board) and our gifts will be given to those who use their projects. This year they are asking us to identify what is in the present to ensure it gets to the right person. They have said they find gift packs of toiletries and winter gifts (eg slippers) useful. Selection boxes, food hampers (see noticeboard) and tins of biscuits are also very welcome, they don’t need wrapping. Please give whatever you can, wrap it and place it back under the tree with the tag. Many thanks. *Charles and Claire Keane.*

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

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.

Lately Dead: *Adrian Tatum (brother-in-law of Linda & Godfrey Chesshire).*

Anniversaries: Caroline Giles, Peter Carroll, Denis Moroney, David Scannell, Mary Hayhurst, Cyril Howse, Austin Ruddy, Bernard White.

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:	Sunday 8 th December – 9.30 am	Sunday 15 th December – 9.30 am
Day:	Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Peter Carroll (RIP)	Mary Slattery (RIP)
		Advent Carol Service – 6.30pm
Altar Servers:	Joe & James	Ethan & Laura
Wardens:	Kevin & Sue McGovern Madeleine Peat	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs Helen Woods
Readers:	David Green & Greg Hobbs	Tony Cotterill & Leslie Ritchie
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck Joh McLellan & Teresa Green	Charles Keane Louise Perry & Monica Green
Counting:	Charles Keane & Mike Fairbrother	John Perry & Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Margaret & Chris Burleigh	Cheshire Family
Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	<i>Blitz</i> <i>Louise Perry & volunteers please!</i>
Flowers:	Advent – no flowers	Advent – no flowers
Children's Liturgy:	Claire & Kathryn	Jane & Sara
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Cheshire

Service Time this week

Date:	Tuesday 10 th December		
Time:	10.00am Eucharistic Service		
Intention:			

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.

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