

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

15th December 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent– Year A

“Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?”

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: *In the first reading today, we hear some of the loveliest words in Scripture. The prophet Isaiah, setting aside the fear and gloom of the contemporary political situation, looks forward to a Golden Age when God’s salvation will transform every living thing. The barren places of nature will bloom; the weak and the frail will be strong; Jerusalem will be a new centre of creation. And if we listen carefully, we will recognise words used by Handel in his setting of the Messiah - celebrating the God, who comes to us in Jesus, to make all things new.*

Collection: 1st December: Loose plate £79.85, Envelopes £92.00, standing orders £430.00; **Total £601.85.**

The collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese last Sunday raised £100.92. Thank you.

Opportunity for Confession after the 6.00 pm Mass on Thursday.

Saint Feast Day this week: St Peter Canisius (21st).

Carol Service: this evening 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 Goodies Sale. A grand total of £250 for parish funds was achieved last Sunday. Thanks to all those who contributed in any way.

Christmas Raffle: Raffle Tickets, for the draw after Mass next Sunday, 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.

CAFOD at Christmas: I have put some CAFOD “World Gift Catalogues at the back of the church. Please take one. Please consider giving a present at Christmas that will really change the lives of people of all ages living in extreme poverty. We often buy presents for friends that really have everything they need, and they may like to think that they are giving to others in need instead! You can use the website to cafod.org.uk/worldgifts if you prefer. Thank You *Chris Lynn.*

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: Sarah Coss, Beatrice Howse, Alex Plater, Marjorie Mayer, Annie Chesshire.

Items for Weekly Bulletin: Please note that *Godfrey Chesshire* is editing the bulletin. 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 15 th December – 9.30 am Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) Father Frank Mary Slattery (RIP) Advent Carol Service – 6.30pm	Sunday 22 nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent Father Frank Geraldine Delaney (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Ethan & Laura	Joe & James
Wardens:	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs Helen Woods	Joe Martin Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
Readers:	Tony Cotterill & Leslie Ritchie	Raymond Ritchie & Ellie Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers:	Charles Keane Louise Perry & Monica Green	Eileen Selby Mike Fairbrother & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Bob & Kath Jones
Tea & Coffee:	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs	Chesshire Family
Cleaning:	<i>Blitz- Louise Perry- lead!</i>	<i>Louise Perry & Monica Green</i>
Flowers:	Advent – no flowers	Advent – no flowers
Children's Liturgy:	Jane & Sara	Holiday – no liturgy
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Linda Chesshire

Day	Tuesday 17 th December	Wednesday 18 th December	Thursday 19 th December
Time	10.00am Mass	10.00am Mass	6.00pm Mass followed by
Intention	tba	tba	adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Advent meditations, Benediction and an opportunity for Confession
Saturday 21 st December 12.00pm Wedding of Milad Rahati and Joanne Mitchell			

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

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