

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

2nd February 2020 – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord– Year A

“My eyes have seen your salvation.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for February: *“Listen to the Migrants’ Cries - We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.”*

Fr. Frank: Candlemas, which we celebrate today, traditionally concludes the celebration of Christmas. So, with Christmas behind us we look forward to Lent and to that approaching period of prayer when we can reflect on all that is most important to our life of faith in Christ. Simeon and Anna, who we hear about in today’s Gospel, are devout and prayerful people who are open to the prompting and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Church has always taught that the way we pray and worship is foundational to what we truly believe and to our Christian life. This vital teaching has been expressed traditionally in the words: *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi* - As we Worship, So we Believe, So we Live. So the Mass and our life of prayer should not be seen as something we “add on” to our busy lives - it must be seen for what it truly is - as absolutely vital and fundamental to all that we are as the Church and as Christians.

Collection: 26th January: Loose plate £68.45, Envelopes £75.50, standing orders £430.00; **Total £.573.95**

Saint’s Days this week: St Agatha (5th), St Paul Miki & Companions (6th).

Parish Accounts: There will be a Finance Committee meeting after mass today (2nd February), when the 2019 accounts will be presented.

100 Club: Thank you for your support each year, which contributes at least £600 towards church funds. Subscriptions for 2020 are now due. The cost is £15 for the year, with the chance to win £75, £45 or £30 each quarter. You may take out more than one subscription, thereby increasing your chances of winning! Chris and John will in the hall this Sunday and next to collect subscription. New members are always welcome. If you can, it helps our admin if you set up a standing order. We can provide the necessary form. Good luck for 2020!

Cake sale fundraiser: Tom Green will be holding a cake sale after mass next week (Sunday 9th February) to help him fundraise for his trip to Tanzania. Tom is volunteering with Christian charity ‘Go Make A Difference Tanzania’ for 3 months from the 21st March. He will be working on rural community projects such as a reforestation scheme and building goat sheds. Please give him all the support you can. He will be baking very hard!

Get-together: This Wednesday 5th February. We meet in the Parish room at 10.30am for coffee, cakes and a chat. All welcome.

Father Frank and his recovery: I am grateful to you for all for the support and kindness, shown both to my family and myself during my recent period of illness. Until I have regained more strength, I will only be celebrating Sunday Masses and the Baptisms that I have agreed to. After the regular daily round of prayer, meditation and study, I have more than enough to keep me busy at my desk and in the seemingly endless task of unpacking after our recent move. I look forward to returning to celebrating the weekday Masses, visiting and other parish duties when I am sufficiently recovered. I would like to give special thanks to Joe, Bob and Chris who made repeated trips to the tip in order to dispose of the mountain of waste which built up during the move. Also, to those of you who have ensured on-going prayer, during the week in the church. Thank you all for your patience and continuing prayers. Fr Frank

Baptism: We pray for Milo Kristian McKeever who is to be Baptised after Mass here today - we pray also for his parents and godparents, friends and family.

Choir returns: Choir practice begins after mass today. We are going to start work on music for Lent and Easter. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers required for church cleaning: Looking for two people to join our dynamic team. The honour of cleaning our lovely church comes around every 8 weeks. Please apply in person to **Louise**.

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, Val Tims and Father Frank.

Anniversaries: Mick Webb, Mary Chesshire, Nicholas Dodd, Becky Hulme, Val Burgess, Tommy Kelly, Derek Bubb, and Mollie Lea.

Items for Weekly Bulletin: Thank you to Godfrey Chesshire for doing the bulletin these recent weeks. Please note that **Maggie Lloyd** is now editing the bulletin. Please send items **to her at** maggie.m.lloyd@gmail.com or call on **07957 623192** by **7.00pm on Wednesday**.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 2nd February 9.30am	Sunday 9 th February 9.30am
Day:	The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Becky Hulme (RIP) 11am Baptism of Milo Kristian McKeever	Maura Green (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Joe & James	Ethen & Laura
Wardens:	Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley	Kevin and Sue McGovern, Madeleine Peat
Readers:	Godfrey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien	Louise & John Perry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Louise Perry Teresa Green & Mike Fairbrother	Charles Keane Nuala Fulham & Carol Beck
Counting:	Lynn Family	Ian & Fran Lester
Tea & Coffee:	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	C. Plater & N. Fulham
Flowers:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Claire & Jane	Jane & Celine
Music:	Cathy Grimley	Instrumental Group
Day:		
Time:	No Masses this week	tbc
Intention:		

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