

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

9th February 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

“You are the salt of the earth... and light of the World”

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: In the Gospel today, Jesus teaches that the lives of his followers should have a distinctive quality. Like salt, we should add a peculiar flavour to life because our life in Christ is distinctive and peculiar. This distinctive and peculiar quality of the Christ-life in us should shine like a light in the world, because Christ is the Light of the world. But if we lose our distinctive and peculiar taste - if the light in us is dimmed or hidden from the world - then we are no longer fit for purpose for we are called to witness to the love and light of Christ by our lives so that all may “taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Collection: 2nd February: tbc

Saint’s Days this week: St Scholastica (10th), Our Lady of Lourdes (11th), St. Cyril and St Methoduis (14th)

Cake sale fundraiser: Tom Green will be holding a cake sale after mass today (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!

Bishop’s Visit: We welcome Bishop William for his Visitation of our parish on Sunday 16th February when he will celebrate Mass and preach. Please make every effort to be present on that day.

First Holy Communions: Please contact Fr Frank with details of those children wishing to prepare for First Holy Communion this year.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020: £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613. For further information see the notice board.

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: George Hammond, Tom Ward, Jack McLellan and Ken Cottrill.

Items for Weekly Bulletin: 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: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	Sunday 9 th February 9.30am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Frank Maura Green (RIP)	Sunday 16 th February 9.30am Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Frank Sister Sabina (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Ethen & Laura	Joe & James
Wardens:	Kevin & Sue McGovern, Madeleine Peat	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs, Helen Woods
Readers:	Alan Devoy & Mary Sharp	Gerry Hudson & Nuala Fulham
Eucharistic Ministers:	Charles Keane, Nuala Fulham & Carol Beck	Stefan Hunka, John Perry & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Ian & Fran Lester	Alan & Jane Devoy
Tea & Coffee:	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
Cleaning:	C. Plater & N. Fulham	L.Perry & M.Green
Flowers:	Jean Henser	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	Jane & Celine	Louise & Kathryn
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Day: Time: Intention:	Tuesday 11 th February 10am Eucharistic Service	tbc

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

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