

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

16th February 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

"I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfil them."

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, Christ teaches us about the relationships we should nurture and enjoy as members of his Body - the Church. As the baptised we are called to live and act in a way that is caught up in God's love and life. In this way we witness to Christ in the world. We are not to live as those who do not know Christ - those who quarrel and divide over selfish preferences, those who are motivated by self-serving desire. Rather, as members of the Church, we are to live differently, bearing witness to the alternative life Christ brings, for, as members of his Body, we are bound to him in his loving mission to the whole of creation. As co-workers with Christ we are called to enact God's deep love for the world - to get our minds off ourselves and our petty self-interests and to live together harmoniously.

Collection: 16th February: Loose plate £28, Envelopes £60, standing orders £430.00; **Total £518**

Saint's Days this week: Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary (17th), St. Peter Damian (21st), Feast of Chair of St Peter (22nd).

Welcome to Bishop William who is carrying out his Visitation this weekend. He will celebrate Mass and preach today.

March 'Prayer Calendar' for Vocations: We have been invited by the Deanery again, this year, to contribute a month of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. We are each asked to choose one day in March and to commit to saying on that day, a prayer - short or long - for increasing numbers of vocations. If you would like to support this, please sign your selected day on the sheet at the back of church. We hope to have one or more people praying this every day of the month. For further details, see Bysse Gibbs.

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

Second Collection: There will be a second collection on Sunday 1st March for Cathedral Maintenance.

Tom Green's cake sale fundraiser: A huge thank you to everyone who supported my cake sale last Sunday. The response was fantastic, and I raised an amazing £282. This money will all go directly towards my projects in Tanzania. I am volunteering with Christian charity 'Go Make A Difference Tanzania' for 3 months from the 21st March. I will be working on rural community projects such as a reforestation scheme and building goat sheds. Many thanks again. Tom

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.

Lately dead: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Fr John Ellis, ex-chaplain of HCPT Group 83 and a good supporter of the group.

Anniversaries: Josie Quinn, Frank McArlle, Samuel & Ruth Carter, Catherine Utteridge, Patrick Casey, Desmond Martin, Winifred Ruane, and Mary Restall.

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

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| Date & Time: | Sunday 16 th February 9.30am | Sunday 23 rd February 9.30am |
| Day: | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Celebrant: | Father Frank | Father Frank |
| Intention: | Sister Sabina (RIP) | Sister Rita (Intentions) |
| Altar Servers: | Joe & James | Ethen & Laura |
| Wardens: | Bysshe & Judith Gibbs, Helen Woods | Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell |
| Readers: | Gerry Hudson & Nuala Fulham | John Perry & Louise Perry |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Stefan Hunka, John Perry & Madeleine Peat | Monica Green, Joe Martin & Godfrey Chesshire |
| Counting: | Alan & Jane Devoy | David & Aislin Cant |
| Tea & Coffee: | Margaret & Chris Burleigh | Chesshire Family |
| Cleaning: | L.Perry & M.Green | G & L Chesshire and S Noonan |
| Flowers: | Louise Perry | Louise Perry |
| Children's Liturgy: | Louise & Kathryn | Half Term |
| Music: | Linda Chesshire | Instrumental Group |
| Day: | Tuesday 18 th February | |
| Time: | 10am | tbc |
| Intention: | Eucharistic Service | |

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

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