

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

*In the Archdiocese of Birmingham*

*Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am*

## **15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.”*

**Pope's Prayer Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence** – *“We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind”*

**Fr. Frank:** I hope that you are all keeping well under these trying and frustrating circumstances and that you are coping with the new lockdown. You continue to be in my prayers daily as I offer the Mass. I will continue to post a weekly Spiritual Communion and reflection on the parish website so that we can still pray together.

Due to the current lockdown, Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold church has been suspended until further notice. Please see the bulletin, posted on the parish website, for updates and any news.

It has been encouraging to hear from Joe Martin of the generous response to the call for volunteers needed to celebrate Mass. Once again, I have cause to be impressed and grateful for your selfless dedication and for the love of Christ and his Church which this shows.

In today's Gospel we hear of a man who returned everything he had ever been given to his master - and yet he was censured. He was blamed, not for misusing the gifts he had been given, but rather for not having used them at all. This Gospel passage encourages us to reflect on how we use the gifts and talents we have received from God. The Parable of the Talents teaches us that true religion - a true response to Christ's call to be his disciples - involves risk, adventure and enterprise. To use God-given gifts and talents aright is to share in the joy of the kingdom.

**Thanks from Archbishop Bernard:** Archbishop Bernard has asked me to pass on his appreciation and thanks to the parish stewards, cleaners and other volunteers for all they have done in making and keeping our churches safe for parishioners to come together in worship and prayer. Our thanks also go to Ian and Ellie who have kept lines of communication open to the parish through uploading the spiritual communion, weekly reflection and bulletin.

**National Youth Sunday:** On Sunday 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the parish community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. On Youth Sunday especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow @NationalYouthSunday on Twitter and for more information, please go to: [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com).

Pope Francis said this recently: “After many months we meet each other again our face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity.”

**Virtual Youth Group:** The Kenelm Youth Trust, which serves young people in our Archdiocese, is running a new virtual youth group for young people aged between 11 and 14 on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**. Have fun, meet new people and explore your faith, all from the comfort of your own sofa! Pre-registration by parent/guardian is essential. For more information and online registration, see <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/virtual-youth-group.html>.

**Diocesan Resources During Lockdown:** In addition to the Spiritual Communion and reflection that is posted weekly on our own website ([www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)), there are resources available on the website of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This includes information about live streams of mass from parishes in the diocese and links to online material for “The Domestic Church” for Catholics to use in their own homes. See [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online) for details.

**Book of Remembrance:** During November, the month of prayers for the dead, we update our Book of Remembrance containing anniversaries of parishioners and loved ones. These names also appear on our website and are included in our weekly newsletter. If you would like an anniversary to be added, please email the name and date to Ian and Ellie Clarke at [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) before 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers.**

If you would like someone to be named on our list of those who are sick, please contact David Green ([david.monica@btinternet.com](mailto:david.monica@btinternet.com)) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our website.

**Anniversaries:** Jean Graves, Walter Foxen, Martin Fitzgerald, Michael Cronin, Jean Clarke, Susan Hall, Gladys Holmes, Peggy Garnham, Jim Kiernan.

**A prayer for those who are ill or in isolation:**

*Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5: 7)*

God of compassion

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light'

through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Chester Cathedral, 2020.*

### **Mass Intentions for Week 34 in Ordinary Time**

Sun 15 Nov	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
Sat 21	<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Intention: Mary Slattery (RIP)
Sun 22	<b>SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> National Youth Sunday

**Items for Weekly Bulletin :** Please note that **Ellie Clarke** is now editing the bulletin. Please send items to her at: [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) or call on **01676 533931** by **7.00pm on Wednesday**.

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