

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Mass Time Sunday 9.30am.

Sunday 8th October 2017 – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He will lease the vineyard to other tenants"

Pope's Prayer Intention: Workers and the unemployed – "That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good."

Father Frank: *The parable of the Murderous Tenants deals with a vineyard which has failed to deliver the appropriate fruit. Just what the expected fruit should be is alluded to in our first reading from Isaiah today - "justice" and "integrity." God's demand for justice and integrity is a constant theme of the Old Testament. The God of love and life wants all humanity to flourish and enjoy abundant life - he wants justice for all and the rights of all to be respected. These are the fruits that the vineyard, which the Lord planted and nurtured and cared for, should have produced. Taking up one the major themes of the Old Testament, the parable of Jesus challenges us to reflect upon our part in the establishment of justice and integrity in the world.*

October and the Rosary: On the 7th October the Church celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and October is the month of the Rosary and it is a good time, therefore, to renew our devotion to our Lord and our Blessed Lady through this rich source of prayer. We will offer up a decade of the Rosary before the Sunday Mass and after every weekday Mass throughout the month of October. According to tradition, current since the 15th century, the devotion of the Rosary was founded by St. Dominic in the course of his missionary work. Since then many saints have found the Rosary to be an indispensable aid in their spiritual life. I will be happy to help anyone who requires any assistance in learning to pray the Rosary.

Collection 1st October: Loose plate £75.40, Envelopes £97.00, Standing Orders £370.00, **Total £542.40.**

Second Collection today for CAFOD.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: Blessed John Henry Newman (9th), St Edward the Confessor (13th).

CAFOD: It was the Harvest Family Day on Friday and I am collecting for CAFOD today. Any amount that you can give will be greatly appreciated and will certainly transform lives. Thank you in advance for your continual generosity. Thank you so much to everyone who gave me teddies or soft toys to go out to war-torn areas of the world. In July, I took a car load bursting at the seams (including your donations) to the "Teddy Trust" in Wales. From there, in August 10,000 teddies and soft toys have been shipped to Syria, to towns and villages all over the country. These teddies will bring comfort and hopefully some joy to otherwise very bleak lives. This is an ongoing charity and if anyone would like to support it, then please leave teddies and soft toys at the back of church and I will collect them and take them on the first part of their journey. *Chris Lynn.*

Coffee Evening Friday 13th October: In Our Parish Room at 7.30pm. Admission is 50p. which includes Refreshments. There will be the usual stalls, Cakes, Preserves, Presents for All, Christmas Cards, Tombola and a Raffle. Contributions for the stalls will be much appreciated and may be brought to the church before the day. Do put the date in your diary and do tell your friends. It is always a very enjoyable evening. All proceeds will go towards the youngsters going to Lourdes next Easter with Group 83.

Fatima News Friday 13th October marks the centenary of Our Lady's last apparition and great miracle at Fatima. St Peter's, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year and there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **9.30am to 12.20pm and 5pm to 6pm.** This will be the last chance to gain the special indulgence when you visit St Peter's on that day. There will be a special votive Mass for Our Lady of Fatima at **12.30pm.** Please see the pilgrim leaflet by the Fatima display area opposite the piety shop for details of the indulgence and other resources. For other information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Quiz Saturday 14th October - 7.00 for 7.30pm: Tables of up to 6 players. £8.00 each player, including 'Fish & Chip Supper'. Bring your own drinks. Please book your table with Godfrey or Linda after mass.

Harvest Celebration: This year's celebration in thanksgiving for the gifts of the harvest will be at mass on Sunday 15th October. As in previous years, parishioners are invited to donate items to a charity to be distributed to those in need - this year our donations will be given to Helping Hands Food Bank in Solihull. Children and young people (and even the not-so-young!) are invited to decorate a box with a harvest theme, so that the donations can be put in boxes and brought in during church. Please bring your donation of any of the following to mass on 15th October - even one item will make a difference to a family in need. Tins: stew, casseroles, soup, corned beef, chicken or steak pies, Spam, fish, vegetables, puddings, baked beans. Packets: tea bags, long-life milk, sugar, breakfast cereal, biscuits, pasta, rice. Jars: pasta sauce, sandwich spread, jam. No fresh vegetables or other perishable items, please.

Columbans' Centenary. We are all invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Columban mission on Saturday 25th November 2017, 11.00am at St Catherine of Siena church, Birmingham. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments. If you would like to attend please send your name, address and contact telephone number to: sharing gospeljoy@columbans.co.uk

Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings: Meditations on the Eucharist, Church and mission continue after Mass this Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our knowledge and love of Christ and his Church and to find peace in the presence of Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. All welcome.

Talks and Discussions on the Faith: The series of talks and discussions on the faith continue this Tuesday evening, beginning at 7.00pm. We will meet in the church hall on Tuesdays after Mass at 6.30pm until the end of Advent. The sessions will last about 45 minutes and will address all aspects of our faith, All are welcome to attend in order to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the Church's teaching, but those preparing for Confirmation (adults and children), or for reception into full Communion with the Church, should attend because these sessions will serve as a means of their formation.

Meetings after Sunday Mass: Over the coming weeks I hope to meet briefly with a number of groups after the Sunday Mass in order to discuss matters arising out of the various ministries we exercise in the church community. I look forward to meeting with you on the following dates:

Today: Musicians, choir, organists

Sunday 29th October: Wardens

Sunday 15th October: Readers

Sunday 5th November: Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 22nd October: Servers

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please feel free to attend the meetings and speak to me.

Counting Rota: We are looking for more volunteers to join our existing teams. Your turn should come around about every six weeks. If you are willing to help please give your name to Bob Jones after Mass.

Photos and articles wanted: Do you have any photos of parish events this year? Would you like to write a few words about an event or part of parish life? We are already looking for items to go in our seasonal Christmas newsletter, in an attempt to avoid the usual last-minute rush! Please email any items to Ian Clarke at: iehclarke@btinternet.com.

Newsletter: Please note that Godfrey Chesshire is compiling the newsletter from today.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Monica Pillow, Lily Mae Carr, Mary Keane, Consuelo Ramon, Denise Hamilton, Sister Maria Goretti, Joseph Lockington, Brian Kenny, Canon Peter Taylor, Kevin Lambert, John Aitken, Helen Hopkins, Heather O'Connell, Vincent Webb, Dave & Ian, Teresa Petropoulos, Ian Gibbs, Frances Carroll, Sarah & Martin Dunne, Cat Patton-Kennedy, Father Pat Sayles, Jonathan Ridler, Sister Teresa Moore, Kevin O'Donnell, Mary Murray, Andy Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Ellie Clarke, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Maureen O'Gorman, Dan Webster, Katya O'Donnell.

Anniversaries: Irene Burke, Gordon Edward Burleigh, Brian Carroll, Seamus Gannon, Dorothy Peat, John Santos.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	8th October – 9.30am 27th Sunday Ordinary Time Father Frank Monsignor Danny McHugh	15th October – 9.30am 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Frank Harvest Thanksgiving Alex Abell RIP
Altar Servers:	Kathryn, Hannah, Laura	tba
Wardens:	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner Christine Plater	Ian & Fran Lester Alan Devoy
Readers:	Godfrey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien	Louise & John Perry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck, Nuala Fulham Joe Martin	Godfrey Chesshire Mike Fairbrother & Teresa Green
Counting:	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Keane Family
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd
Cleaning:	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Maureen Carroll	Pam Martin
Children's Liturgy:	Celine Burley & Monica Green	Jane Devoy & Kathryn Driffield
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

This week's services

Date: Time:	Tuesday 10th October 6.30pm Mass	Wednesday 11th October 7.00pm Mass St. Francis of Assisi	Thursday 12th October 10.00am Mass
	Followed by Talks and Discussions on the Faith.	Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations & Benediction	
Intention:	Those preparing for communion		Brian Carroll RIP

Parish Room: *MUST be booked with Louise Perry* – Tel **01676 533357**.

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please send items to Godfrey Chesshire at godfreycheshire@btinternet.com or call on **01676 532352** by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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