

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Mass Time Sunday 9.30am.

11th February 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

“The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: Say “No” to Corruption. “That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.”

Father Frank: *At the time of Jesus, lepers were treated as social and ritual outcasts. They were not welcome in society or in the Temple. Therefore the leper in today’s Gospel makes a bold move in approaching Jesus. Jesus makes him “clean,” enabling him to be accepted as part of the worshipping community and revealing to us how God, in Christ, is reconciling the world to himself. No one is outside the welcoming love of God.*

Collection 21st January: Loose plate TBA, Envelopes £TBA, Standing Orders £370.00, Total **£TBA**.

Candle of Dedication: The candle is lit this week for Emily and Jack McLellan (RIP).

Pancake Eggstravaganza Today! Why wait till Shrove Tuesday? Come and enjoy pancakes, with various fillings, with your tea or coffee after Mass today – your suggested donation of £2 will go to church funds.

100 Club: Last Chance! This Sunday is the last chance to renew your membership for 2018, or to join for this year. Chris will be available during pancakes. A ticket costs £15 for the year, with the chance to win £75, £45, or £30 in each of our four draws in the year.

Lent “Walk With Me” Booklets: There are just a few left. If you wish to make an offering of £1 for a booklet, please place it in the wall box for Piety Stall. Thank you.

Lent: Lent begins at **7.00pm on Wednesday 14th February** with the customary imposition of ashes at Mass. After Mass there will be the usual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations and silent prayer for half an hour, leading up to Benediction. The meditations on Wednesday evenings during Lent will be concerned with our growing in the life of Christ. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: will be prayed after the 10.00am Masses on Tuesdays during Lent. All welcome.

Lent talks and discussions: These will take place in the church hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in Lent, after the 7.00 p.m. Mass. We will reflect together on the Parable of the Lost Son (The Prodigal Son) which is a model for the Church’s understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Please bring your Bible. All welcome.

Lenten Breakfasts: Breakfast and talks, organised by Churches Together in Balsall and Berkswell; this year’s theme is ‘What does Christianity have to say about...Equality / Freedom democracy / Rule of law / Tolerance?’ The first session (Equality) is this Saturday, 17th February at 8.30am in the Methodist Hall. For further details please see the leaflets in the Narthex.

Confirmation: Please pray for our Confirmation candidates: David, Joel and Toby. Confirmation will take place during the Mass next Sunday.

Children’s Liturgy: The children's liturgy team is looking for people to act as session chaperones a couple of times a term. There's no need to commit to leading a session (unless you want to!). You just need to be over age 18 and happy to provide a couple of references for the volunteer safeguarding process. We usually have great fun with our children's liturgy group - it's a lovely way to contribute to the running of the church!

Preparing for Mass: I hope that you have found praying the Rosary before Mass has been useful in instilling the discipline of preparing prayerfully for the Holy Sacrament but I understand that some may prefer to prepare for the Eucharist in silence - So from the beginning of Lent, let us prepare for the Mass with silent prayer. Those who still wish to pray the Rosary can continue to do so in silence. The important thing is for us not to lose the habit of quietly and prayerfully preparing for the Mass. Please help one another to do this, by keeping as quiet as possible when we enter church. Thank you for your cooperation in helping one another to prepare properly for the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.

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, 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, Mary Murray, Andy Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Katya O’Donnell.

Anniversaries: Tom Ward, Jack McLellan, Ken Cottrill, Josie Quinn.

This week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 11th February 9.30am	Sunday 18th February 9.30am
Day:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Sunday of Lent and Confirmation
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Frank Clements (RIP)	Confirmation candidates
Altar Servers:	Matthew & James	Daniel, Jacob & Laura
Wardens:	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner & Christina Plater	Alan Devoy, Ian & Fran Lester
Readers:	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka	John McLellan & James Green
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck, Mike Fairbrother & Teresa Green	Maureen Carroll, Nuala Fulham & Eileen Selby
Counting:	Lester family	Devoy family
Tea & Coffee:	Claire & Charles Keane	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
Cleaning:	Claire Keane, Godfrey & Linda Chesshire	Mary Sharp & Anne O’Brien
Flowers:	Bridget Harrison	None in Lent
Children’s Liturgy:	Monica & Louise	Half Term
Music:	Instrumental Group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

This week’s masses

Date:	Tuesday 13th February	Wednesday 14th February	Thursday 15th February
Time:	10.00 am	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Intention:	Eileen Morgan (RIP)	Ash Wednesday Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Carroll With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations, silent prayer and Benediction at 8.00pm	Margaret McDonnell (RIP) Followed by Lent talk and discussion in the hall

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please contact Ellie Clarke by 7.00pm on Wednesday at iehclarke@btinternet.com or call 01676 533931.

Priest: Rev’d Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: frankj.smith55@yahoo.co.uk

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