

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 9th April 2017 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A

'Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord'

Pope's Prayer Intention: Young people - 'That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life'.

Father Frank: Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday when the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery, the passage from death to life, is the heart of our faith. The account of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus forms the oldest part of the Gospels. It is what the evangelists recorded first. For them, it was the heart and nucleus of the Lord's witness to the loving purposes of God. That is why the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of our communal celebration as the Church and is at the heart of our lives as Christians and this is why the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are so important. Through the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we celebrate the greatest mysteries of our redemption keeping, through very special celebrations, the memorial of our Lord's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. I hope as many of us as possible will gather for these key celebrations in the Church's calendar.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There will be an opportunity for silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession on Wednesday evening immediately after Mass.

Collection 2nd April: Loose plate £69.35, Envelopes £72.80, Standing Orders £355.00, Total £ 497.15

Jean O'Reilly (RIP): We pray for the repose of the soul of Jean O'Reilly and we pray for Danny, her husband, Jean's family and friends and for all who mourn her passing. Jean's body will be received into church on Tuesday 18th April at 6.00p.m., followed by a Requiem Mass on Wednesday 19th at 1.00p.m.

Easter Cards: are now on sale at the back of church. All proceeds to HCPT.

Good Friday 'Walk of Witness': The traditional Churches Together 'Walk of Witness' will leave St Peter's Church at 10.30am and process to the village via Blessed Robert Grissold Church. It will be followed by a Frugal Lunch in the Methodist Church Hall.

Spring Fayre: A huge thank you to Tracey McAtamney and her team of helpers for the work put into organising a very successful Spring Fayre, and thank you to everyone who donated prizes and gifts etc. The event raised £794, a terrific result.

School Bus Service: Solihull MBC is currently consulting on proposals to cut the school bus service that connects Balsall Common to St George & Teresa, St Peter's and Arden Schools. This will have a negative long term impact on the ability of children from Balsall Common to access the Borough's Catholic Schools (as well as increasing car journeys, congestion and pollution). We would urge parishioners to respond to the Council's consultation either on-line at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation> or in writing to either School Transport, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB or via email edtrans@solihull.gov.uk The deadline for comments is 28th April.

Mother & Toddler Group: The parish is trying to set up a Mother & Toddler Group, probably on a Friday morning. If anyone is interested please speak to Maria Pulley (Tel: 07799 431573).

Cakes for the Columbans: Cake will be available to buy after Mass today - a joyful and enjoyable way of giving seasonal alms. All donations will go to support the Columban's missionary work. Thanks for the generosity you have already shown in the cakes offered and the cakes bought.

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, Beryl Mound, Father Pat Sayles, Jonathan Ridler, Sister Teresa Moore, Kevin O'Donnell, Mary Murray, Adele Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Ellie Clarke, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery.

Anniversaries: Delia Murray, Hilda Taft, Kay Fisher, Patrick Ruane, Evelyn Denison, Charles Keane (Senior), Patrick Ruddy.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	9 th April – 9.30am	16 th April – 9.30am
Day:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Delia Murray (RIP)	Ann Patricia Cotterill (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Tom, Ethan & James	Matthew, Daniel and Jacob
Wardens:	Ian & Fran Lester and Alan Devoy	Christine Harris, Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons
Readers:	Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham	Mary Sharp & David Bixby
Eucharistic Ministers:	Godfrey Cheshire, Joe Martin & Madeline Peat	Maureen Carroll, Monica Green & Stefan Hunka
Counting:	Maureen Carroll and Jean Henser	Chris Burleigh & Martin Sheehy
Tea & Coffee:	Bysse and Judith Gibbs	Anne Stewart & Val Timms
Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Flowers:	None in Lent	Pam Martin
Children's Liturgy:	Monica Green & Jane Devoy	None in holidays
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Cheshire

This week's services

Date:	Tues. 11 th April	Wed. 12 th April	Thurs. 13 th April	Friday 14 th April	Saturday 15 th April
Time:	Mass 10am Followed by Stations of the Cross.	Mass 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.	Mass 7.30pm Holy Thursday Mass followed by the Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight	Mass 3pm Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Mass 7pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Intention:					People of the Parish

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: David Green is currently compiling the newsletter. Please send items to david.monica@bopenworld.com or call on 01564 775155 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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