

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 14th May 2017 – 5th Sunday of Easter (A)

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'

Pope's Prayer Intention: Christians in Africa - 'That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace'.

Father Frank: The Gospel today reveals how Jesus is the full expression of God the Father. The invisible God fully manifests himself in the humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the fullest extent that this can be expressed in human nature. That is why he is the "Way" to the Father - to have seen him, to have heard him, is to have seen and heard the Father. And Christ embodies and reveals the "Truth" about existence - the truth that God made us for himself, so that his creatures might know him and love him forever. That is the truth about how and why we were made and that is why, as St Augustine said: "Our souls are restless until they find rest in God." And Christ is our "Life." All things were made through him and for him and he shares his life with us so that the life that is in him may be in us too. That is why he can properly proclaim himself, "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Collection 7th May: Loose plate £ Envelopes £ , Standing Orders £355.00, Total £ .

Candle of dedication: This week's dedication is for Frank Clements (RIP).

Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings: I intend to use this as an opportunity to continue the reflections on the Eucharist which we began in Lent. Meditations on the great treasure which we have in the Mass will be accompanied by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our knowledge and love of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. All welcome.

May, the Month of Our Lady: During May we will pray a decade of the Rosary after each midweek Mass to honour Our Blessed Lady and to encourage us to have recourse to this powerful means of prayer.

Parish Supper: Last chance to book your place at the annual Parish Supper on Saturday 20th May 7.30pm for 8pm. This will consist of a 2 course meal with entertainment from the Ivy Leaf Ceilidh Band. Price £10 per head. Bring your own drink. Please give your name to Chris after Mass. If you have booked already please give your choice of main course to Chris.

Mass Intentions: It has been suggested that it would be helpful if the initials of those who have requested a Mass Intention could appear in the Bulletin - so that one would know when the Mass which you have requested is being said. If you would like your initials to be included, please indicate this on the envelopes, that you will find in the foyer, which are provided for your Mass intention requests and accompanying offerings.

Silver Wedding Anniversary: Ian and Ellie Clarke celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary earlier this week. They will receive a blessing during Mass today to mark the occasion, and would like to invite everyone to join them in the Parish Room after mass for a slice of cake.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: The amount received was £362.28. Thank you and all the parishioners at BRG for your support. Your generous gift will enable partners to work with people and communities across the world, wherever the need is greatest. Best wishes, Chris Funnel, CAFOD, Head of Supporter Donations. And our thanks too, to our own Chris, who is parish co-ordinator for CAFOD.

Churches Together have arranged a 'Meet the Candidates' evening for the General Election in order to provide an opportunity to question candidates on Friday 19th May, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church. If you wish to have a question asked please contact Godfrey Chesshire by 16th May on 01676 532352.

Employment Opportunities with the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Head of Communications and Community Engagement, and Press and Media Relations Officer, Applications by June 2nd. For further details call 0121 230 6224.

Warwick Catholic Deanery Website: For those not aware there is a website used to share information across the Deanery. This can be found at: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother.

Anniversaries: Reg Williams, Owen Walsh, Laurie Price, Kerry OShea, Fred Chesshire, Anne Storey, Rose Doyle, Linda Ruane.

This Week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	14 th May – 9.30am	21 st May – 9.30am
Day:	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Gordon Denton (RIP)	Jimmy Jeffers (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Kathryn, Hannah & Laura	Tom, Ethan and James
Wardens:	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs & Helen Woods	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
Readers:	Tony Cotterill & Lesley Ritchie	Raymond Ritchie & Hannah Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck, Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham	Mike Fairbrother, Stefan Hunka & John McLellan
Counting:	Ciaran McSorley & Bernard Hammond	Bob & Kathy Jones
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd
Cleaning:	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Anne Parker	Anne Parker
Children’s Liturgy:	Claire Keane & Jane Devoy	Celine Burley & Kathryn Driffield
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

This week’s services

Date:	Tues. 16 th May	Wed. 17 th May	Thurs. 18 th May
Time:	10.00 am Mass	7pm Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations and Benediction	10 am Mass
Intention:	Jean O’Reilly (RIP)		

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@btpopenworld.com or call on 01564 775155 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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

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