

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 21st May 2017 – 6th Sunday of Easter (A)

'I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate'

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: In today's Gospel we are told of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Lord calls the Spirit 'another Advocate' a term which is difficult to translate from the original Greek but which means something like 'being with' being the defender - one who intercedes for. We can see from this that the Spirit continues Christ's mission for Jesus is with us, at our side as a friend representing us and defending us. The Spirit is sent to be with us forever and we know him because he lives in us. Not only is the Spirit revealed as being with us, he is also 'the Spirit of truth.' Jesus and the Spirit lead the Christian community into communion with the Father and into all truth.

Collection 7th May: Loose plate £55.00 Envelopes £124.90, Standing Orders £355.00, Total £534.90.

2nd Collection for Clergy Training Fund £66.36

Collection 14th May: Loose plate £74.66 Envelopes £73.00, Standing Orders £355.00, Total £502.66.

Candle of dedication: This week's dedication is for Margaret and John McLellan.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St Bede (25th), St Philip of Neri (26th), St. Augustine (27th).

Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings: this is 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.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered on the last Thursday of every month. All those who are challenged by their suffering in body, mind or spirit are welcome to receive this sacrament of Christ's healing. This is a practice which dates back to the earliest Church and is encouraged in scripture, where it is written: 'Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.'

Mass Intentions: If you would like your initials to be included with mass intentions, please indicate this on the offering envelopes which are provided for Mass intention requests and accompanying offerings.

Candidates for First Holy Communion or Confirmation: Can those wishing to be formed for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, and who are not being prepared through their school, please submit their names to Fr Frank by the end of May 2017.

Fatima News: Last Saturday at St Peter's, Leamington the start of the Fatima Centenary Year was celebrated. St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during this time. A new church statue of Our Lady of Fatima was crowned and an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was made. Everyone is welcome to visit St Peter's over the year and more especially on the 13th of each month for the special indulgence.

H.C.P.T. The Pilgrimage Trust Group 83 - Easter Cards sold during Lent amounted to £31.40. Many sincere thanks to all who bought & supported this worthy cause.

Churches Together Youth Group: Tonight the Youth Group meets at the Methodist Church, 6.30pm to 7.45 pm. This is open to all Secondary School Children, as well as those in Year 6. All welcome.

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, Maureen O’Gorman.

Anniversaries: Mona Cambridge, Terry Brookes, Val Pugh, Michael Ruddy, Teresa Arikat.

This Week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	21 st May – 9.30am	28 th May – 9.30am
Day:	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Jimmy Jeffers (RIP)	Jean O’Reilly (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Tom, Ethan and James	Matthew, Daniel and Jacob
Wardens:	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell	John Perry, Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones
Readers:	Raymond Ritchie & Hannah Clarke	Chris Burleigh & Andrew Chesshire-Ramon
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Fairbrother, Stefan Hunka & John McLellan	Monica Green, Joe Martin & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Bob & Kathy Jones	Kevin & Sue McGovern
Tea & Coffee:	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Anne Parker	TBC
Children’s Liturgy:	Celine Burley & Monica Green	Half Term
Music:	Linda Chesshire	No music this week

This week’s services

Date:	Tues. 23 rd May	Wed. 24 th May	Thurs. 25 th May
Time:	10.00 am Mass	7pm Mass	6pm Mass
Intention:	Guy and Jacqueline Provoost (Special intention)	followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations and Benediction (Private Intention)	with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (Private Intention)

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

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