

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 23rd April 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (A) (Divine Mercy Sunday)

'Eight days later, Jesus came'

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: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Humankind not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practice mercy towards others. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." It is to this end that we receive the transforming Spirit of God - the Holy Spirit, who through the power of God's great loving mercy, transforms our interior life in order that it might radiate outwardly and be a transforming power in the world.

Thank you for your cards and once again for your generous Easter offerings and for the way you contribute to the life of our worshipping community, so facilitating our mutual upbuilding in faith. I am taking my post-Easter break this week therefore there will not be the usual weekday Masses. There is, however, a Eucharistic Service on Tuesday at 1000am. Fr Frank.

Fr Chris Greaney: Today we welcome back Fr Chris to Blessed Robert Grissold to celebrate Mass.

Candle of dedication: This week's dedication is for HCPT Group 83.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St George (24th), St Mark (25th), St Catherine of Siena (29th)

Cakes for the Columbans: An amazing £335.79 was raised for the Columban Missionaries from the cake sales during Lent and on Easter Sunday. Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity and for buying cakes.

Parish Supper: The annual Parish Supper will be held on Saturday 20th May 7.30pm for 8pm. This will consist of a 2 course meal with special entertainment. Price will be £10 per head. Pam and Chris will be collecting names after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Churches Together Youth Group: The Youth Group returns this evening to Blessed Robert Grissold, 6.30pm to 7.45 pm. This is open to all Secondary School Children, as well as those in Year 6. No need to book, just come along and have fun. Tonight the group will be bringing along board games and will also be marbling Easter Eggs, as well as the usual activities of table tennis, a short bible discussion, and cake! Any cakes donations for this evening would me most welcome. Please speak to Kathryn Driffield or Claire Keane. The Group generally meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays on the month during term time and rotates around the Churches.

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).

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.

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 Hamond, Terry Fairbrother.

Anniversaries: Tim Cahill, Arthur Fairbrother, John Scott, Patrick Flynn, Sheila Buckland.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	23 rd April – 9.30am	30 th April – 9.30am
Day:	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Chris Greaney	Father Frank
Intention:	People of the Parish	Eileen Innes (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Kathryn, Hannah and Laura	Tom, Ethan and James
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire Monica Green & Ann Crossley
Readers:	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka	John McLellan & James Green
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck, Teresa Green & Madeleine Peat	Mike Fairbrother Charles Keane & Eileen Selby
Counting:	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Charles Keane & Gerry Biggs
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison	Charles & Claire Keane
Cleaning:	G&L Chesshire & Claire Keane	Mary Sharp & Ann O'Brien
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Linda Chesshire
Children's Liturgy:	None in holidays	TBC
Music:	Instrumental Group	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date:	Tues. 25 th April	Wed. 26 th April	Thurs. 27 th April
Time:	10 am		
	Eucharistic Service	No service this week	No service this week
	Feast of St Mark		
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@bopenworld.com or call on 01564 775155 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.