

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

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

Sunday 28th May 2017 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me'

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: Today the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. The earthly ministry of our Lord had ended and the time came for him to return to the Father and take his place at the right hand of God. The ascension is a cause of great joy for us for as Christ said: "It is better for you that I go to the Father." The ascension means that he is with us in the most profound sense. He is with us when we gather for the Eucharist. He is with us in the word proclaimed, he is with us in the sacrament of the altar. Jesus is not out of sight and out of mind through the ascension. Through the ascension it is not his absence but his presence with us which makes our hearts grow fonder. And we encounter Our Risen and Ascended Lord in the Eucharist as we ascend to the presence of the One who is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Collection 21st May: Loose plate £ 66.30, Envelopes £86.00, Standing Orders £355.00, Total £ 507.30.

Church Communications: There will be a second collection today for Church Communications.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St. Justin (1st), Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions (3rd).

Solemnity of Dedication: In keeping with the practice in the Archdiocese there will be a Mass at 7.00pm this Monday 29th May in celebration of the Consecration of our church.

Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings: Meditations on the Eucharist, Church and mission continue after Mass on Wednesdays. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our knowledge and love of Christ and his Church and to find peace in the presence of Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. All welcome.

No Mass on Thursday: Due to the Solemnity on Monday 29th please note that there will be no Mass this Thursday.

First Friday: There will be a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Friday morning at 10.00am.

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.

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.

Adults wishing to be received: If you are interested in exploring being received into full communion with the Catholic church please contact Fr Frank.

Baptism of Sarah Emily Lloyd: Please pray for God's blessing on Sarah Emily Lloyd, her parents and godparents. Sarah is to be baptised here today after the Mass.

Parish Supper: A big thank you to all helped support the Parish Supper with the food the music and setting out and clearing up. It was a real parish effort. The grand sum of £627 was raised towards parish funds. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Candle of Dedication: Please note that there are weeks available for this and that the diary and envelopes are at the back of the church to fill in.

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: Hazel Taylor, Reverend Timothy Cronin, Monsignor Bernard Robinson, Harold Perks, Doris Carmody, Alice Cuthbert, Audrey Coulson.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	28 th May – 9.30am	4 th June – 9.30am
Day:	Solemnity of the Ascension of the	Solemnity of Pentecost
Celebrant:	Lord	Father Frank
Intention:	Father Frank Jean O'Reilly (RIP)	Margaret & John McLellan (Golden Wedding)
Altar Servers:	Matthew, Daniel and Jacob	Kathryn, Hannah & Laura
Wardens:	John Perry, Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner & Christina Plater
Readers:	Chris Burleigh & Andrew Chesshire- Ramon	Nigel Parker & Ian Lester
Eucharistic Ministers:	Monica Green, John & Louise Perry	Eileen Selby, Joe Martin & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Kevin & Sue McGovern	Maureen Carroll & Jean Henser
Tea & Coffee:	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Cleaning:	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
Children's Liturgy:	Half Term	Half Term
Music:	No music this week	Instrumental Group

This week's services

Date:	Mon. 29 th May	Tues. 30 th May	Wed. 31 st May	Friday 2 nd June
Time:	7pm Mass Solemnity of Dedication	10.00 am Mass	7pm Mass Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditations and Benediction (Private Intention)	10 am Mass Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Intention:	People of the Parish	Margaret Bixby (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@bopenworld.com or call on 01564 775155 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

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