

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

4th March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent – Year B

“Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. “That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.”

Father Frank: *The Father loves and liberates but in today’s Gospel we see how his house can become ‘a market place’ where people are exploited. Jesus’ protest and rejection of the trading taking part in the Temple affects powerful interests: the interests of those who have replaced God (without denying God openly) by greed, which Paul calls ‘idolatry.’ Paradoxically, this subtle and insidious substitution is often justified by religious arguments. None of us is immune from this. The Gospel today invites us to examine our conscience both at the personal level and as members of Christ’s Church. Through Christ we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Lent is an opportunity for us to cleanse the temple of our lives from all that harms and diminishes us and those around us.*

Saints days this week: Ss Perpetua and Felicity (7th). St John of God (8th), St Frances of Rome (9th).

Collection 18th February: Loose plate TBA, envelopes £TBA, standing orders £TBA, Total **£TBA**.

Tuesdays in Lent: Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 10.00am Masses on Tuesdays during Lent.

Wednesdays in Lent: After Mass there will be the usual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations and silent prayer for half an hour, leading up to Benediction. The meditations on Wednesday evenings during Lent will be concerned with our growing in the life of Christ. All welcome.

Thursdays in Lent: Lent talks and discussions will take place in the parish room at 7.30 pm on Thursday evenings in Lent, after the 7.00 pm Mass. We will reflect together on the Parable of the Lost Son (The Prodigal Son), which is a model for the Church’s understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). In preparation for the Easter Triduum, these talks and discussions are designed to help us to go deeper into our appreciation of the love of God. No specialist knowledge is required (just bring a Bible if you can). Why not make attendance a Lenten discipline? Come and enjoy prayerful reflection, discussion, fellowship and a cup of tea - All welcome.

CAFOD World Gifts: Alternative charity gifts that make a difference to families living in poverty – great for Mothering Sunday and Easter! Search for “World Gifts” on the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk.

Parish accounts: Bob Jones will present a brief summary of the accounts after mass today.

Easter Cards on sale today: All proceeds go towards Group 83’s expenses for this Easter’s pilgrimage.

Preparation for First Holy Communion: Classes take place at 4.15pm on Mondays in the church hall. If you have a child (aged 8 or above) who wants to attend these classes please speak to Fr. Frank **today**.

Get-together: We meet on Wednesday, 7th March, at 12 noon in the parish room for soup, rolls and dessert. All welcome.

Lenten Breakfasts (1): Breakfast and talks, organised by Churches Together in Balsall and Berkswell on the theme of ‘What does Christianity have to say about...?’ The fourth session (the Rule of Law) is this Saturday, 10th March at 8.30am in the Methodist Hall. See the leaflets in the Narthex for more details.

Penitential Service: proposed for 7.00pm Thursday 22nd March.

Easter Newsletter: Would you like to see your name or photos in print? You could write an article or send us pictures of parish life or events since Christmas, for inclusion in our Easter newsletter. Please email your contributions to iehclarke@btinternet.com by **Sunday 25th March** at the latest. Thank you.

Church Cleaning Blitz: Volunteers are required for church cleaning between 18th and 28th March to ready the church for Easter. Please see Louise Perry for details.

Lift to Mass: Lucille, who has just moved into Gorton Croft, Balsall Common, would like to attend Mass here with us on Sundays but cannot get to church without a lift. Please let Fr Frank know if you can help.

Open Events: at Crackley Hall School, a Catholic independent day school (part of the Princethorpe Foundation) for boys and girls aged 4-11, on Saturday 10th March 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and Tuesday 8th May from 5 pm to 7 pm. Further details at the back of church.

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, Heather O'Connell, Vincent Webb, Dave & Ian, Teresa Petropoulos, Ian Gibbs, Frances Carroll, Sarah & Martin Dunne, Cat Patton-Kennedy, Father Pat Sayles, Jonathan Ridler, Sister Teresa Moore, Mary Murray, Andy Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Katya O'Donnell, Adam Clark.

Lately Dead: Jo Murphy, Margaret Satterthwaite and Ann Dickenson (friend of Maureen Carroll)

Anniversaries: Mary Webb, Patrick Kinsella, Kay Jay, Honor Kenny, Patrick Manion, Mary Britt, Margaret Smith and Joan North.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 4th March 9.30am	Sunday 11th March 9.30am
Day:	Third Sunday of Lent	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	John Cawley (RIP)	Josephine (Jo) Murphy (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Matthew & James	Daniel, Jacob, Laura
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire, Monica Green & Ann Crossley
Readers:	Bob Jones & Ian Clarke	John McLellan & James Green
Eucharistic Ministers:	Madeleine Peat, John & Louise Perry	Carol Beck, Mike Fairbrother, & Nuala Fulham
Counting:	Charles Keane & Mike Fairbrother	John Perry & Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
Cleaning:	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	None in Lent	None in Lent
Children's Liturgy:	Louise Perry & Jane Devoy	Claire Keane & Monica Green
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

This week's masses

Date:	Tuesday 6th March	Wednesday 7th March	Thursday 8th March
Time:	10.00 am	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Intention:	Followed by Stations of the Cross	Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditation and silent prayer with Benediction at 8.00pm	Followed by Lent talks and discussions

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please contact Ellie Clarke by 7.00pm on Wednesday at iehclarke@btinternet.com or call 01676 533931.

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

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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