

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B**

*“God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.”*

**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:** *Today is Mothering Sunday and so we give thanks to God for our mothers and for all who are mothers in our community. May God bless you in your high calling, remembering that the greatest of the saints, Our Blessed Lady, was, like you, a mother and that through loving devotion to her calling attained to the heights of holiness. May Mary, the holy Mother of the Church, pray for us as we continue our journey through Lent.*

**Saints days this week:** St Patrick (17<sup>th</sup>).

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

**Early start to the Mass this Tuesday morning:** Mass this Tuesday will start at 9.30 am, due to a Deanery meeting that Fr Frank has to attend. Stations of the Cross will still follow the mass.

**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.

**Women’s World Day of Prayer Service – new date:** The service has been re-arranged for this Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm, at St Peter’s Church. Everyone welcome – men, women and children!

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

**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 next breakfast is this Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am in the Methodist Hall. See the leaflets in the Narthex for more details.

**Lenten Breakfasts (2):** Volunteers are needed help to prepare and serve the breakfast on 24<sup>th</sup> March as it our church’s turn. If you are able to help, please speak to John and Louise Perry or Godfrey Chesshire.

**Week of Prayer for Dementia 12th-19th March.** Bishop David McGough invites us to join in a week of prayer for those suffering from dementia. *Loving Father, You are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen them. May they make their home in You. This we ask through Christ our Lord.*

**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](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) by **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Concert 12th May at 7.00pm:** We are proud to announce a night of music and fun on Saturday 12th May to raise money for the parish and the charity Alzheimer's UK. The evening will feature our choir, soloists and singing groups from our parish along with special guests The Gridtones, the National Grid UK choir. If you would like to assist with organising the event or help out on the day, please join us at the next parish council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March. For more information contact Ian Clarke on [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com).

**St George & St Teresa School Easter Production:** Years 3 and 4 will take part in an Easter production, “Easter Praise”, on Tuesday 27th March at 7.00 p.m. in St George and St Teresa Church. Admission is £1.00 for adults, free for children. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Church Parish Centre.

**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](http://www.cafod.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, 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, Debbie Burrell.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Christopher Thornton, John Perry (Snr.), Jack Utteridge, Peter Doyle, Kathleen Casey, Maureen Martin, Marjorie Fullbrook, Sean Collins and Tom Murray.

### This week’s Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Sunday 11th March 9.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 18th March 9.30am</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Josephine (Jo) Murphy (RIP)	Adrian Orr (Intentions)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Daniel, Jacob, Laura	Tom, Ethan, Joe
<b>Wardens:</b>	Godfrey Chesshire, Ian Lester & Ann Crossley	Kevin & Sue McGovern & Madeleine Peat
<b>Readers:</b>	John McLellan & James Green	David Green & Gregg Hobbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Carol Beck, Mike Fairbrother, & Nuala Fulham	Monica Green, Teresa Green & Charles Green
<b>Counting:</b>	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Jones family
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Margaret & Chris Burleigh
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	None in Lent	None in Lent
<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>	Claire Keane & Jane Devoy	Monica Green & Kathryn Driffield
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

### This week’s masses

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<b>Intention:</b>		Those suffering with dementia	
	Followed by Stations of the Cross	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](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) or call 01676 533931.

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