

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

18th March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B

“If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.”

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: *Jesus calls us to serve him and follow him - to conversion. To turn away from sin - from all that harms our relationship with God and with our neighbour and to turn toward him, to serve him, do his will, to be faithful to our baptismal vocation. Conversion is a gift from God, won for us through the sacrifice of Christ and we must ask for it through fervent prayer in order that we might know the power of Christ’s Resurrection working in our lives.*

Saints days this week: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19th).

Collection 11th March: Loose plate 68.06, envelopes £95.60, standing orders £370, Total **£533.66**.

Mass tomorrow: Monday 19th March, please note, is the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Mass at 10.00am.

Tuesdays in Lent: Mass on Tuesday will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

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.

Penitential Service: There will be an opportunity to make your Confession before Easter this Thursday evening. After Mass at 7.00pm, when the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick also will be offered, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer and an opportunity to make your Confession.

Holy Week: This begins next week with Palm Sunday when the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Through the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we celebrate the greatest mysteries of our redemption keeping, through very special celebrations, the memorial of our Lord’s crucifixion, burial and resurrection. I hope as many of us as possible will gather for these key celebrations in the Church’s calendar which are central to our understanding, celebration and practice of our faith throughout the year.

Urgently Needed – items for Easter newsletter: For the past 11 years we have produced a colour newsletter at both Christmas and Easter, containing photographs and articles related to parish life. We cannot do this without your help – and despite appeals in recent newsletters, we have so far received no contributions for this year’s Easter newsletter. We urgently require your photos and articles (however brief!) as without them the newsletter will not go ahead. Please email your contribution to iehclarke@btinternet.com by **Saturday 24th March at the latest** – but preferably as soon as possible.

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

Lent talks and discussions: Our Lent talks on Thursdays are completed for this year. Thanks to all who took part and made them such a rich experience.

Princethorpe College: Open Morning, Tuesday 20th March, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm; Year 4 and 5 Hockey Taster Session - Saturday 28th March. Those interested should contact 01926 634262.

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.

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 20th March. For more information contact Ian Clarke on iehclarke@btinternet.com.

Headteacher Vacancy: St Patrick’s Catholic Primary and Nursery School, Leamington Spa. For further details please call 01926 425958.

CAFOD World Gifts: Alternative charity gifts that make a difference to families living in poverty – great for Easter! Search for “World Gifts” on the CAFOD website 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: Thomas Murray, Leon Chesshire.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 18th March 9.30am	Sunday 25th March 9.30am
Day:	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Adrian Orr (Intentions)	Joe McEnerney
Altar Servers:	Tom, Ethan, Joe	Matthew, James
Wardens:	Kevin & Sue McGovern & Madeleine Peat	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs & Helen Woods
Readers:	David Green & Gregg Hobbs	Tony Cotterill & Lesley Ritchie
Eucharistic Ministers:	Monica Green, Teresa Green & Charles Green	Maureen Carroll, Stefan Hunka & Eileen Selby
Counting:	Jones family	Maureen Carroll/Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser
Tea & Coffee:	Margaret & Chris Burlei	Chesshire family
Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Flowers:	None in Lent	None in Lent
Children's Liturgy:	Monica Green & Kathryn Driffield	Kathryn Driffield & Celine Burley
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

This week's masses

Date:	Monday 19th March	Tuesday 20th March	Wednesday 21st March	Thursday 22nd March
Time:	10.00 am	10.00 am	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Intention:	Those suffering with dementia	Ann Dickenson (RIP) Followed by Stations of the Cross	Elsie Reeves (RIP) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditation and silent prayer with Benediction at 8.00pm	Joe & Maureen Martin (RIP) with the Sacrament of the Sick, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

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.

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