

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year B**

*“Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

**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:** *Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday when the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery, the passage from death to life, is the heart of our faith. The account of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus forms the oldest part of the Gospels. It is what the evangelists recorded first. For them, it was the heart and nucleus of the Lord’s witness to the loving purposes of God. That is why the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of our communal celebration as the Church and is at the heart of our lives as Christians and this is why the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are so important. 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.*

**Collection 18th March:** Loose plate £36.00, envelopes £23.00, standing orders £370, Total **£429.00.**

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum:** The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday have a peculiar beauty and dignity as they celebrate the greatest and most sacred mysteries of the Church. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday when we are reminded of our Lord’s institution of the Eucharist and of how he washed his disciples’ feet. After the Last Supper, Jesus retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer and asked his disciples to watch in prayer with him. We do these things in remembrance of him on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday we read the Passion Narrative and venerate the Cross as we celebrate the great love Christ showed in laying down his life for us. The Easter Vigil takes place on Holy Saturday, in the night of Easter. The darkness of the tomb is overcome by the lighting of the Easter fire and the Paschal candle. The darkened church is filled with the light of the Risen Christ as the light of the Easter candle is shared among us. The joyful Easter Proclamation is sung in celebration of the mystery of Christ’s glorious victory and of our salvation. The Liturgy of the Word traces salvation history and leads us to renew our Baptismal promises after the Blessing of the Waters of the font. There is no dismissal at the end of the liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday; this is because the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum constitute a single rite - a sacred rite in which it is our great privilege and joy to participate.

**The Watch on Holy Thursday:** After the Mass of the Lord’s Supper there is an opportunity to join in the watch before the Blessed Sacrament. If you intend to stay please sign the sheet at the back of the church - in this way we ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. The Watch concludes at midnight.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** New special ministers of Holy Communion will be enrolled and existing ministers will renew their commitment, during the liturgy of Holy Thursday.

**Churches Together Walk of Witness:** The walk of witness will start at St Peter’s Church at 10.30 am on Good Friday. The route will include Balsall Common Primary School, Heart of England School, The White Horse Inn, Blessed Robert Grissold Church, the Co-op and village shops – you are welcome to join at any point. The walk will be followed by a simple lunch at the Methodist Church at 12 noon.

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection on 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday) for the Holy Places.

**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 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.

**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, Joan McLean.

**Anniversaries:** Alison Taylor, Reginald Branson, Patrick Flynn.

### This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> <b>Day:</b>	<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 9.30am</b> <b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	Father Frank Joe McEnerney	Father Frank People of the Parish
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Matthew, James	Daniel Jacob, Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs & Helen Woods	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
<b>Readers:</b>	Tony Cotterill & Lesley Ritchie	Raymond Ritchie & Ellie Clarke
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Maureen Carroll, Stefan Hunka & Eileen Selby	Monica Green/Eileen Selby, John & Louise Perry
<b>Counting:</b>	Maureen Carroll/Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser	
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Cheshire family	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Claire Keane, Godfrey & Linda Cheshire
<b>Flowers:</b>	None in Lent	Kathy Jones
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Kathryn Driffield & Celine Burley	None in Easter holidays
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Cheshire

### This week's masses

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Intention:</b>	Patrick & Winifred Ruane (RIP)	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	<b>Celebration of the Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Followed by Stations of the Cross	Teresa Green, Stefan Hunka, John McLellan Followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight	Monica Green/ Eileen Selby	Carol Beck, Madeleine Peat

**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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