

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

22nd April 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

“The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Father Frank: *Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life and that all believers will be faithful to their baptismal vocation. To follow Christ is to love him, to trust him, to serve him and to do his will - which is also what it means to be faithful to our vocation. Christ, the Good Shepherd, tells us that his sheep follow him “because they recognise his voice.” We have to learn to distinguish the voice of the one true God from the voices of the many false gods and idols which call to us today.*

Thursday Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be at 10.00am. All are Welcome.

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Every last Thursday in the month there is an opportunity for those who are sick to partake of this sacrament. The practice of being anointed with oil as a powerful prayer for strengthening and healing dates back to the earliest Church. Scripture bears witness to this when it says: “Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins their sins will be forgiven them.”

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St. George 23rd, St. Adalbert, St. Fidelis 24th, St. Mark 25th, St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort 28th.

Collection 15th April: Loose plate £81.02, envelopes £124, standing orders £370, Total **£575.02.**

Second Collection Today: There will be a second collection Today for the Clergy Training Fund.

Choral Energy: Our fundraising concert on 12th May at 7pm is now only 3 weeks away! See the posters in the parish room and noticeboard for more information. Tickets are available after Mass. You can also purchase them from the ticket office on 01676 532475 or email tickets@brgparish.org.uk. Buy your tickets soon as we are expecting a lot of interest!

Our Field & Berkswell Parish Council: Last week we asked you to reject Berkswell Parish Council’s request (via their Neighbourhood Development Plan) to have the field designated as ‘Local Green Space’. If you have not already done so, today being the last day for making a response to the proposal, please go onto their website www.berkswell.org. Thank you. For further information, please speak with Godfrey or Joe.

Child Contact Centres at Hall Green and Smith’s Wood, Volunteers wanted: A Child Contact Centre is a safe and friendly place, run by volunteers, where a child spends time with a parent (or other family members) with whom they do not live. The role of the volunteer includes assisting with setting out and tidying up toys and games, and welcoming and supporting centre users.

For further details please refer to the websites - **Hall Green Child Contact Centre** or **Smith’s Wood Child Contact Centre** or Phone 0121 777 9873 or 07746 532261. Please also see the notice board.

Churches Together CTBB An Ecumenical Choral Evensong and Christian Aid Exhibition: St Peter’s Church, Balsall Common is hosting an evening service on Sunday 6 May at 6 pm to which all the local churches have been invited. Also attending are the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Stuart Davis and the Mayoress, Mrs Sarah Walker. The service will be taken by Revd Peter Thomas, Vicar of the Parish. Speaking at the service will be John Cooper, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator for Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull. There will also be a Christian Aid photo exhibition in St Peter’s Church which highlights the position of displaced people from Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq. See notice board for more details.

The children's liturgy team are looking for new recruits: Whether you want to run a session or just sit in, your help will be greatly appreciated. All helpers need to complete safeguarding paperwork, which we can complete with you after Mass. Please see Kathryn Driffield or Monica Green if you are interested!

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, Leonardo Byrne, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hammond, Terry Fairbrother, Katya O'Donnell, Adam Clark, Debbie Burrell, Joan McLean, Sandra Smith.
Anniversaries: Arthur Fairbrother.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	Sunday 22nd April 9.30am Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 29th April 9.30am Fifth Sunday of Easter
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Patrick Flynn (RIP)	Father Frank Ann Patricia Cotterill (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Daniel, Jacob, Laura	Tom, Ethan, Joe
Wardens:	Ian & Fran Lester, Alan Devoy	Christine Harris, Dominic Green, Irene Gibbons
Readers:	Dominic Green & Ciaran McSorley	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Fairbrother, John McLellan, Teresa Green	Maureen Carroll, Madeleine Peat, Eileen Selby
Counting:	Bob & Kathy Jones	Kevin & Sue McGovern
Tea & Coffee:	Claire & Charles Keane	Judith & Bysshe Gibbs
Cleaning:	Ann Stewart & Val Timms	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Anne Parker	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	Monica & Kathryn	Louise & Celine
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental group

This week's masses

Date: Time:	Tuesday 24th April 10.00am Mass	Wednesday 25th April 7.00pm Mass	Thursday 26th April 10.00am Mass
Intention:		Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00 pm Sue Kimberley	with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Muriel Meachin (RIP)

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

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please contact John Perry by 7.00pm on Wednesday at jlgperry@btinternet.com or call 01676 533357.

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

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk