

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*“A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.”*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention: The Mission of the Laity.** That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**Father Frank:** *The Eucharist is the very manifestation and fulfilment of the Church in all her power, sanctity and fullness. By taking part in the Eucharist we are empowered to increase in holiness and fulfil all that we have been called to be and do. The Church, gathered in the Eucharist, even when limited to two or three, is the image and realisation of the body of Christ, and those gathered will be able to partake - be communicants of the body and blood of Christ, because he is manifested, made present, in and through their assembly. Through the Eucharist we make our home in Christ who describes himself in today’s Gospel as ‘the true vine.’ He is the ‘vine’ and we are the ‘branches’ which feed on his life in and through the miracle of the Mass.*

**Changes to Masses:** Please note the changes to the Masses this week due to Fr Frank being on retreat. There will be a Eucharistic Service on Tuesday at 10.00am.

**Saints and Feast Days of the Week:** St. Nereus, St. Archilleus, St. Pancras 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Candle of Dedication:** The candle is lit this week for Jake and Bridget Brookes (RIP).

**Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Loose plate £, envelopes £, standing orders £390, Total **£5**.

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Catholic Communications Network.

**Choral Energy:** Our fundraising concert on 12th May at 7pm is now only 2 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](mailto:tickets@brgparish.org.uk). Buy your tickets soon as we are expecting a lot of interest!

**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 6pm 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!

**The CTBB Youth Group** will be meeting at Blessed Robert Grissold in May. The first session will be on 6th May at 6.30pm, when we will be playing some improved games. On 20th May we are going bowling at Acocks Green. For details please contact Kathryn Driffield (07969 927262) or check out the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CTBByouthgroup/>

**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:** Bridget Brookes, Matthew Tanner, Nini Brennan, Bridie Deeley, Jocelyn Hawker, Margaret Hills.

**Lately Dead:**

### **This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Ann Patricia Cotterill (RIP)	Tilly D'Souza (RIP)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Tom, Ethan & Joe	Matthew & James
<b>Wardens:</b>	Christine Harris, Dominic Green, Irene Gibbons	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley, John McLellan
<b>Readers:</b>	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke	John Peat & Byshe Gibbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Maureen Carroll, Madeleine Peat, Eileen Selby	TBC
<b>Counting:</b>	Maureen Carroll, Jean Henser & Bernard Hammond	McSorley Family
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Judith & Byshe Gibbs	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Louise & Celine	Celine & Louise
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental group	Instrumental group

### **This week's masses**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>		
<b>Intention:</b>			

**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](mailto: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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