

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

6th May 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: *Today’s Gospel reminds us that we should remain in Christ’s love and he tells us that we remain in his love by keeping his commandments. Obedience to his commandments are not the source of our love but the fruit of it. Keeping Jesus’ commandment to love one another is the proof, the outward manifestation, of the fact that we remain in his love. His love comes first. When we do keep God’s commandments it is not something we do in order to make God love us; rather it is the result of his having loved us first. ‘We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the performance of good works’ and because we are ‘God’s handiwork’ it is to the Father’s glory that we should bear abundant spiritual fruit.*

Early start to Tuesday Mass: Due to the monthly Deanery Meeting of clergy the Mass on Tuesday this week will be at 9.30 a.m.

Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation when we should be at Mass if we are able.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week: St. Nereus, St. Archilleus, St. Pancras 12th.

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

Collection 29th April: Loose plate £73.90, envelopes £74, standing orders £390, Total **£537.90**.

Second Collection: Next Sunday is World Communication Day and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

Choral Energy: Our fundraising concert on 12th May at 7pm is now next week! See the posters in the parish room and noticeboard for more information. Tickets are still 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!

Millennium Breakfast: Our first breakfast of 2018 will be on Sunday 20 May. There will be the usual fare of warm croissants, toast, butter and jam with tea, coffee or orange juice, all for a suggested donation of £2. All proceeds to help Columban Father Ed O’Connell with his projects in Lima. Special thanks to Joe Martin who emptied the Coca Cola bottle. The splendid sum of **£201.35** has been transferred to Fr Ed’s account.

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 tonight 6 May at 6pm to which all the local churches have been invited. Also attending are the Mayor and Mayoress of Solihull. 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 and our first session will be tonight 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/>

Does anyone want or need Garden Slabs? If so, do get in touch with Maureen. Tel. 533259 as soon as possible, before she gets rid of them!

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, Hilda Ridler.

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

Lately Dead: Pat Tricket and Brenda McSweeney, Mother of David, who went to Lourdes with Group 83.

This week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time: Day:	Sunday 6th May 9.30am Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 13th May 9.30am Seventh Sunday of Easter
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Tilly D'Souza (RIP)	Father Frank Mavis Austin (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Matthew & James	Daniel, Jacob, Laura
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley, John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire, Monica Green, Ann Crossley
Readers:	John Peat & Bysshe Gibbs	Godfrey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers:	Monica Green, Joe Martin & Charles Keane	TBC
Counting:	McSorley Family	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Ann Dodd
Cleaning:	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	Monica Green
Flowers:	Louise Perry	Pam Martin
Children's Liturgy:	Celine & Louise	Jane & Monica
Music:	Instrumental group	Ian & Ellie Clarke

This week's masses

Date: Time:	Tuesday 8th May 09.30am Mass	Wednesday 9th May 7pm Mass Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00 pm	Thursday 10th May 7pm Mass Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Intention:		John Paul Cassidy (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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