

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

3rd March 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

“A man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Father Frank: *In today’s Gospel Jesus says: “A man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.” Lent begins on Wednesday - Ash Wednesday - with the Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes. The Church’s season of Lent is an opportunity for us to go deeper into what is at the heart of our lives and what should be first in our hearts. It’s a season in which we are invited to grow in our awareness of those things that blind us to the truth about ourselves and the truth about Christ. Lent is an opportunity to notice the “plank” in our own eye that prevents us seeing clearly how to love God and how to love our neighbour as our self. And it is only by seeing clearly that we can act and speak lovingly. On Ash Wednesday, a day of penance, abstinence and fasting, we enter into the joyful season of Lent - joyful because it is a time established for the purification of our souls and the renewal of our hearts.”*

Saints & Feast Days this Week: Ash Wednesday (6th), St Perpetua & St Felicity (7th).

Collection 17th February: Loose plate £79.00, envelopes £96.00, standing orders £390.00, Total £565.00.

Lent: Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March (Ash Wednesday) when there will be a Mass at 7.00pm together with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes. Let us make every effort to make a good start to the season of Lent and to use this time to renew and deepen our life in Christ. To help us, every Tuesday in Lent, after the 10.00am Mass, there will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. On Thursday evenings of Lent, after Mass, there will be Meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in these devotions.

Masses this Week: Please note, there is no Mass this Thursday.

Walk With Me Lent Booklets: Available in the Narthex, price £1.50 (to be placed in the Piety Box, please).

Candle of Dedication: This is lit anew each Sunday; you can request a dedication in remembrance of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion. Please complete the details in the diary in the Narthex, indicating if you want the candle to be placed in front of the statue of Our Lady (OL) or by the Sacred Heart statue (SH), and on the envelope containing your donation (suggested amount: £5). Please hand your completed envelope to the wardens or to either Ann Ostler or Bridget Harrison.

Deanery Prayer for Vocations: We have been invited by the Deanery to join in a month of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. We are all asked to select a day in March and to commit to praying on that day for vocations. If you feel you would like to join in please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church against your selected day. Please see Bysse for further details.

Warwick Deanery Evangelisation Team: Next meeting is on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter’s Parish Centre, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented. Contact: Peter Dimambro tel: 01926 428399 email: mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk.

Get-together: This Wednesday, 6th March. We meet at 10.30am in the Parish room for tea, coffee, cakes and a chat. All welcome.

Lenten Breakfasts: The series of breakfasts and talks organised by Churches Together begins on Saturday 9th March at 8.30am in the Methodist Church. Over five weeks we will be looking at five ‘Big Questions’; the first is ‘Do we have a soul?’ The speaker for this session will be Dr Sue Chetwynd, who has spent her academic life teaching professional ethics in the fields of business studies, engineering and medicine.

Coffee Evening: A Coffee Evening to raise funds for HCPT Group 83 will take place in our parish room on Wednesday 27th March. More details later; in the meanwhile, please put the date in your diary.

Volunteers’ Open Evening: Tabor House, Birmingham’s only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help, especially overnight and mentors. To find out more, come along to the Open Evening on Wednesday 20th March 2019, 6pm - 8pm at St Anne’s Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 0PY. For more information, contact Sharon McCall on 07387 418319.

25th Anniversary of our Church: As part of our celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the construction of our church, we are considering commissioning a new stained-glass window for the small window at the back of church. We have two painted glass windows on either side of the altar representing Baptism and Confirmation. The new window would represent The Eucharist; the estimated cost is approximately £2,500. We will be approaching Catholic businesses in the area to ask for donations but would also like to offer members of the parish the option to pledge money, either on their own behalf or to remember a loved one. All pledges will be remembered on a plaque next to the new window. Ian and Ellie Clarke will be available after Mass if you would like to know more or wish to pledge money.

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

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Lily Mae Carr, Joseph Lockington, Katya O'Donnell, Consuelo Ramon, Anne Santos, Andrew Burton, Darragh Sheehan, Barry Holmes.

Anniversaries: Patrick Kinsella, Kay Jay, Mary Webb, Honor Kenny, Patrick Manion.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 3 rd March– 9.30am	Sunday 10 th March– 9.30am
Day:	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Sunday of Lent
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Reg Hammond (RIP)	Elizabeth Chattell (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Jacob & Laura	Ethan & Joe
Wardens:	Alan Devoy, Ian & Fran Lester	Christine Harris, Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons
Readers:	Dominic Green & Ciaran McSorley	Mike Fairbrother & Ian Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers:	John McLellan, John & Louise Perry	Charles Keane, Joe Martin & Eileen Selby
Counting:	Chris Burleigh & Mary Sharp	Lester Family
Tea & Coffee:	Margaret & Chris Burleigh	Cheshire Family
Cleaning:	Kathryn Driffield & Helen Woods	M. Hughes & J. Kennedy
Flowers:	Linda Cheshire	Lent – No Flowers
Children's Liturgy:	Claire Keane & Celine Burley	Jane Devoy & Kathryn Driffield
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Instrumental Group

Service and Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 5 th March	Wednesday 6 th March
Time:	10.00 am	Ash Wednesday 7.00 pm
Intention:	Margaret Bixby (RIP)	People of the Parish <i>Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes</i>

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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

Archdiocese of Birmingham website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Contributions for the Bulletin: Please email items for the weekly bulletin to Ellie Clarke by **7.00 pm Wednesday** at iehclarke@btinternet.com.