

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent – Year C

“Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”

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 Christ calls us to repentance. It is a call for us to come to our senses - to realise who we really are and to be those people - and through Baptism we are children of God. Repentance is about turning away from all that prevents us from realising our true identity and a turning towards the God who wants us to live in a loving relationship with him and with one another. Repentance is about us realising the abundant life God created us for. It’s the reason Christ came to proclaim his message of repentance - for as he said: “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full” and to that end he calls us to, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”*

Saints and Feast Days: The Annunciation of the Lord (25th).

Collection 17th March: Loose plate £78.40, envelopes £56.00, standing orders £390.00, Total £524.40.
Second Collection 17th March for CAFOD: £460.35.

The Annunciation of the Lord: Please note there will be a Mass on Monday at 10.00am to celebrate this great feast day.

Devotions in Lent: Every Tuesday in Lent, after the 10.00 am 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.

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.”

Walk With Me Booklets: Maureen has managed to obtain another 12 of these booklets for Lent; if you would like to purchase one, please see her.

HCPT Coffee Evening: A last reminder that the Coffee Evening is this Wednesday, 27th March, at 7.30pm in our Parish Room. Admission is 50p, which includes a cup of tea/coffee and a cake. Louise and Helen will be at the cake stall – they will be most grateful for donations of home-made cakes to sell. Everyone would be most welcome on the evening; do come along and bring a friend or neighbour and make it an enjoyable and worthwhile evening.

Lenten Breakfasts: The next breakfast and talk, organised by Churches Together, is Saturday 30th March at 8.30am in the Methodist Church. The theme of ‘Big Questions’, continues with ‘Why do bad things happen to good people?’ The speaker is Stig Graham, an ordained priest in the Church of England, who has spent twenty years as a hospital chaplain. Whilst wondering why life is filled with parentheses, he is passionate about science, faith and caring for those in spiritual pain.

Thanksgiving Mass for Des Foxon: A thanksgiving mass to mark the retirement of Des Foxon after 27 years as head of St George and Teresa School is being celebrated on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.00 pm. The mass will take place in St George & Teresa Church, Dorridge; all former pupils, parents and staff of the school are invited to attend.

Blessed Dominic Barbieri: The annual Diocesan Novena of Prayer for the Cause of the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barbieri concludes on Friday 29th March. We are invited to join this prayer:

Oh God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that

many more people will come to know and come to invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barbieri, pray for us.

Blessed John Henry Newman, pray for us.

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: Alison Taylor, Reginald Branson, Patrick Flynn.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 24 th March– 9.30am	Sunday 31 st March– 9.30am
Day:	Third Sunday of Lent	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Nora Flynn (RIP)	Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Daniel, Jacob, Laura	Ethan, Joe
Wardens:	Godfrey Chesshire, Monica Green & Ann Crossley	Madeleine Peat, Kevin & Sue McGovern
Readers:	Godfrey Chesshire & Dominic O'Brien	Louise & John Perry
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck, Teresa Green & John McLellan	Maureen Carroll, Godfrey Chesshire & Nuala Fulham
Counting:	Dave & Aislinn Cant	Charles Keane & Mike Fairbrother
Tea & Coffee:	Ann Stewart and Val Timms	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Irene Gibbons	Chris & Margaret Burleigh
Flowers:	Lent – No Flowers	Lent – No Flowers
Children's Liturgy:	Sara Stevens & Jane Devoy	Kathryn Driffield & Claire Keane
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

Mass Times this week

Date:	Monday 25 th March	Tuesday 26 th March	Wednesday 27 th March	Thursday 28 th March
Time:	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	6.00 pm
	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	<i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>		<i>Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8 pm</i>

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