

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

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

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year C**

*“Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.*

*But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.”*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for April:** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**Father Frank:** *Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday when the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery, the passage from death to life, is the heart of our faith. The account of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus forms the oldest part of the Gospels. It is what the evangelists recorded first. For them, it was the heart and nucleus of the Lord’s witness to the loving purposes of God. That is why the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of our communal celebration as the Church and is at the heart of our lives as Christians and this is why the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are so important. Through the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we celebrate the greatest mysteries of our redemption keeping, through very special celebrations, the memorial of our Lord’s crucifixion, burial and resurrection. I hope as many of us as possible will gather for these key celebrations in the Church’s calendar.*

**Collection 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Loose plate TBA, envelopes TBA, standing orders £390.00, Total TBA.

**No Mass on Wednesday:** To allow attendance at the Chrism Mass at St Chad’s Cathedral at 11.30 am.

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum:** The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday have a peculiar beauty and dignity as they celebrate the greatest and most sacred mysteries of the Church. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening when we are reminded of our Lord’s institution of the Eucharist and of how he washed his disciples’ feet. After the Last Supper, Jesus retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer and asked his disciples to watch in prayer with him. We do these things in remembrance of him on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday we read the Passion Narrative and venerate the Cross as we celebrate the great love Christ showed in laying down his life for us. The Easter Vigil takes place on Holy Saturday, in the night of Easter. The darkness of the tomb is overcome by the lighting of the Easter fire and the Paschal candle. The darkened church is filled with the light of the Risen Christ as the light of the Easter candle is shared among us. The joyful Easter Proclamation is sung in celebration of the mystery of Christ’s glorious victory and of our salvation. The Liturgy of the Word traces salvation history and leads us to renew our Baptismal promises after the Blessing of the Waters of the font. There is no dismissal at the end of the liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday; that is because the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum constitute a single rite - a sacred rite in which it is our great privilege and joy to participate.

**The Watch on Holy Thursday:** After the Mass of the Lord’s Supper there is an opportunity to join in the watch before the Blessed Sacrament. If you intend to stay, please sign the sheet at the back of the church - in this way we ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

**Renewal of Commitment:** Our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment, and new special ministers of Holy Communion will be enrolled, during the Liturgy of Holy Thursday.

**Easter cards:** These are on sale today until Holy Saturday, raising funds for HCPT Group 83.

**Walk of Witness:** Our traditional Good Friday ‘Walk of Witness’, will commence in St Peter’s Church at 10.30 am. We will walk past the primary and secondary Schools, The White Horse, BRG, the Cooperative store, and the village centre, ending at the Methodist Church, for a frugal lunch. All are welcome.

**Millennium Project:** Our thanks to Joe Martin who emptied the Bottle and deposited £119.80 in the bank. A cheque will be paid in to Fr Ed’s account in the coming days to help with his projects in Lima. It is now 20 years since we first began helping. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed so faithfully over all these years. Our next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**HCPT Group 83 Coffee Evening:** The result of recent Coffee Evening is **£1392.15** – a brilliant result. This includes donations (some of which will be Gift Aided), items sold after the evening and Maureen’s Lourdes Fund (this money has accumulated since the previous Coffee Evening in 2017.) This year the cost for each young person going to Lourdes this Easter is £850 – a lot of money, so the amount raised at the Coffee Evening will go towards their fares. Again many, many thanks to everyone who supported this very worthy cause. May God bless you all.

**Princethorpe College Vacancies:** Details and an application form for the following posts: Car park Supervisor; Handyman; Spanish Assistant are available at: [www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us](http://www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-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:** Charles Keane (Snr.), Evelyn Denison, Patrick Ruddy, Ann Cotterill, Dorothy Perry, Terry McLellan, Marion Richards.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – 9.30 am	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April – 9.30 am
<b>Day:</b>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Ann Cotterill (RIP)	People of the Parish
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Jacob, Laura	Ethan, Joe
<b>Wardens:</b>	Helen Woods, Bysshe and Judith Gibbs	John Perry, Maria Pulley & Kathy Jones
<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Sharp & David Bixby	TBA
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Carol Beck, Maureen Carroll & John Perry	TBA
<b>Counting:</b>	Jones Family	Maureen Carroll/ Bernard Hammond & Jean Henser
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
<b>Cleaning:</b>	BLITZ (Louise Perry lead)	Louise Perry & Monica Green
<b>Flowers:</b>	Lent – No Flowers	Pam Martin
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Kathryn Driffield & Monica Green	School holidays
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

### Mass Times for Holy Week

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Time:</b>	10.00 am	7.00 pm	3.00 pm	7.30 pm
<b>Intention:</b>	Patrick Flynn (RIP) <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Followed by the Watch before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Celebration of the Easter Vigil

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