

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

12th May 2019 – 4th Sunday of Easter – Year C

"I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me"

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Father Frank: Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life and that all believers will be faithful to their baptismal vocation. To follow Christ is to love him, to trust him, to serve him and to do his will - which is also what it means to be faithful to our vocation. Christ, the Good Shepherd, tells us that his sheep follow him "because they recognise his voice." We have to learn to distinguish the voice of the one true God from the voices of the many false gods and idols which call to us today.

Saints and Feast Days this week: World Day of Prayer for Vocations (12th), Saint Matthias (14th).

Collection 28th April: Loose plate £79.45, Envelopes £62.50, standing orders £390, **Total £531.95**

Devotions in the Month of May: May is the month of Our Blessed Lady and we will honour her by saying a decade of the Rosary before the Sunday Masses and after every weekday Mass in May. In this way we will have prayed together the full Rosary during this month of Our Lady.

Early start Tuesday: Mass will be at 9.30am on Tuesday to allow Fr Frank to attend the monthly Deanery Meeting.

MASS THIS WEEKEND: There will be no mass tomorrow Sunday 12th May due to the closure of roads for Vélo Birmingham. Mass this weekend will instead be held at **6.30 pm on Saturday 11th May.**

The Great Amen: As you will have noticed, most weeks, we are singing the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. Some confusion has been expressed as to whether we should stand or kneel for the singing of the Great Amen. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal tells us that the people should remain kneeling until after the completion of the Great Amen. After the Great Amen we stand in readiness for the Lord's Prayer. I hope this is helpful. Father Frank.

Parish Bulletin Rota - Thanks and Help needed: After many years of being the stalwart of the parish bulletin editorial rota, John Perry has now hung up his editorial pen. Many thanks to John for his years of service to this task for the parish. The rota team now needs a replacement! The task involves bringing together the week's notices and liturgy arrangements into the standard template that you see each week and takes about 1-2 hrs of time per week. We aim to have 4 people on the rota at any one time so that each editor only does 3 months at a time. No previous editorial experience required! It just needs access to a Computer and email. If you can help or would like to discuss in more detail before committing please speak to one of the current editorial team: David Green, Godfrey Chesshire or Ellie Clark.

Easter Cards: The Sale of Easter Cards for H.C.P.T. Group 83 amounted to £14.40. Grateful thanks to all supported this very worthy cause.

Christian Aid Week: The week beginning tomorrow is Christian Aid Week. Instead of asking you to help with the door to door collection, we have decided, as an alternative, to have a second collection specifically for Christian Aid on next Sunday, 19th May. As well as making a donation you will also have an opportunity to Gift Aid it. Please give generously. Thank you.

Millennium breakfast: Next breakfast will take place after Mass next week, May 19th. We will be serving warm croissants and toast as usual, along with coffee, tea and orange juice for a suggested donation of £2. The proceeds will be given to Columban Father Ed O'Connell to assist him with his projects in Lima.

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

Items for Weekly Bulletin: Please note that David Green is now compiling the weekly bulletin. Please email items to him by **7.00 pm Wednesday** at david.monica@btopenworld.com.

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.

Anniversaries: Margaret Hills, John Crouch, Bert Belford, Reg Williams, Owen Walsh, Laurie Price, Kerry OShea, Fred Chesshire.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Saturday 11 th May – 6.30 pm	Sunday 19 th May – 9.30 a.m
Day:	4 th Sunday of Easter	5 th Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	People of the Parish	Anne Storey (RIP)
Altar Servers:	Ethan and Joe	James
Wardens:	Christine Harris, Dominic Green Irene Gibbons	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley John McLellan
Readers:	David Green and Gregg Hobbs	Tony Cotterill and Lesley Ritchie
Eucharistic Ministers:	Teresa Green, Charles Keane, & Louise Perry	Carol Beck, Monica Green & Madeleine Peat
Counting:	Lester Family	Devoy Family
Tea & Coffee:	Margaret & Chris Burleigh	Chesshire Family
Cleaning:	M. Hughes and J. Kennedy	C. Mitchell and E. Selby
Flowers:	Louise Perry	Ann Parker
Children's Liturgy:	Louise Perry and Kathryn Driffield	Monica Green and Jane Devoy
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May
Time:	9.00 am	10.00 am	7.00 pm Mass
Intention:			<i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8.00pm</i> Linda Ruane (RIP)

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

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