

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

19th May 2019 – 5th Sunday of Easter – Year C

“I give you a new commandment; love one another”

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: In the Gospel today we see Jesus saying goodbye to his disciples and leaving them a summary of his teachings. He gives them a “new commandment:” “Love one another just as I have loved you.” This is “new,” not because it is the first time Jesus has mentioned it but because love is always fresh and new and makes all things new. Love is creative, transforming, transfiguring - the disciples have witnessed this in the life of Christ. They have seen the love of God in Christ reach out to all - a love which excludes no one and includes all those who are marginalized and oppressed. This is the love we feed on in the Mass and carry to a world hungry for its creative and healing power.

Saints and Feast Days this week: Saint Bede (25th)

Collection 12th May: Loose plate £50.96, Envelopes £54, standing orders £390, **Total £494.96**

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.

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. Please also note that there is no need to say ‘Amen’ at the end of the preceding prayer when it is being sung. I hope this is helpful. Father Frank.

Parish Bulletin Rota – We are still looking for an additional volunteer to join this rota team. 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.

Millennium breakfast: After Mass today we are holding our Millennium Breakfast. 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. All welcome.

Scholarship opportunity at Maryvale Institute available to all applying to join the Ecclesiastical Bachelor of Divinity course, degree validated by The Ecclesiastical Theology Faculty of The Ecole Cathédrale, Paris. It covers half a year’s of tuition fees. The deadline for all application submission is June 24th, 2019. For more information and application forms, please contact: headadmin@maryvale.ac.uk

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: Anne Storey, Rose Doyle, Linda Ruane, Mona Cambridge, Terry Brookes and Val Pugh.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 19 th May – 9.30 a.m	Sunday 26 th May – 9.30 a.m
Day:	5 th Sunday of Easter	6 th Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Anne Storey (RIP)	Mark Mahon (RIP)
Altar Servers:	James	Jacob and Laura
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley John McLellan	Godfrey Chesshire , Monica Green Ann Crossley
Readers:	Tony Cotterill and Lesley Ritchie	Tony Cotterill and Lesley Ritchie
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Beck, Monica Green & Madeleine Peat	John and Louise Perry, Eileen Selby
Counting:	Devoy Family	Dave and Aislinn Cant
Tea & Coffee:	Chesshire Family	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs
Cleaning:	C. Mitchell and E. Selby	C. Lynn and I. Gibbons
Flowers:	Ann Parker	Ann Parker
Children's Liturgy:	Monica Green and Jane Devoy	Celine Burley and Sara Stevens
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 21 st May	Wednesday 22 nd May	Thursday 23 rd May
Time:	10.00 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>

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

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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