

# Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent – Year A**

*“Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.”*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for March: “Catholics in China – We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity”**

**Fr. Frank:** Today in the Gospel we hear how the apostles Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Christ’s glory on the Mount of the Transfiguration - the same glimpse of glory that we are all given when we gather for the Mass, for in and through the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist we ascend to the heavenly places where, with Angels and Archangels and all the host of heaven, we worship the Beloved Son of God who sits at the right hand of the Father. God, the Holy Spirit, gathers us into the cloud of his glory. We listen to him in the scriptures. We feed on him in the Sacrament of the altar. No wonder the disciples “kept silence” and then proclaimed “Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.”

**Collection 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Loose plate £83.20, Envelopes £42.10, standing orders £430.00; **Total £555.30.**

**Second Collection 1<sup>st</sup> March:** £96 for Cathedral Maintenance.

**Saint’s Days this week:** St Frances (9<sup>th</sup>), Blessed Dominic Barberi (11<sup>th</sup>).

**First Holy Communion:** Meeting in the parish room on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm for parents who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion this year. Contact Chris Mitchell if any queries - 07742288722

**Mass and Stations of the Cross:** There will be a Mass on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

**Parish meeting:** There is a parish meeting next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the parish room after Mass to plan events for the coming year. All are very welcome to attend.

**Thanks from Father Frank:** Father Frank would like to thank those who are responsible for cleaning the church.

**Thanks from Solihull Cooperative Funeral Care:** Our visitors from Solihull Cooperative Funeral Care were overwhelmed by the welcome and support which they received here last Sunday and by your generosity. With your help they raised £165.00 for Dementia UK. They have asked me to pass on their thanks.

**Please pray for Brian Bernard Stokes** who is to be baptised here today, for his parents and godparents, his friends and family - that together with them we will grow ever more faithful to our baptismal promises.

**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, Maureen Carroll, Val Tims and Father Frank.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Britt, Patrick Manion, Joan North, Margaret Smith, Fr Christopher Thornton, John Perry (Snr), Jack Utteridge, Peter Doyle.

**Items for Weekly Bulletin:** Please note that **Maggie Lloyd** is now editing the bulletin. Please send items to [maggie.m.lloyd@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.m.lloyd@gmail.com) or call on 07957 623192 by 7.00pm on Wednesday.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Sunday 8th March 9.30am	Sunday 15th March 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	Second Sunday of Lent	Third Sunday of Lent
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Maura Green (RIP) 11am Baptism of Brian Bernard Stokes	Joe and Maureen Martin (RIP) Baptism of Eleanor Rose Orme
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Ethen & Laura	Joe & James
<b>Wardens:</b>	Chris Burleigh, Christine Horner & Christina Plater	Ian & Fran Lester & Alan Devoy
<b>Readers:</b>	Bob Jones & Aidir Parizzi	John McLellan & Stefan Hunka
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Charles Keane, Stefan Hunka & Monica Green	Teresa Green, Mike Fairbrother & Joe Martin
<b>Counting:</b>	John Perry & Nuala Fulham	Bob & Kathy Jones
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
<b>Cleaning:</b>	M Hughes & J Kennedy	C Mitchell & E Selby
<b>Flowers:</b>	Lent – No Flowers	Lent – No Flowers
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Monica & Louise	Kathryn & Sara
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
<b>Day:</b>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>Time:</b>	6.30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	tbc
<b>Intention:</b>	Thanksgiving for Parish (from Maureen)	

**Priest:** Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: [parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk)

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