

# Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent – Year A**

*“Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.”*

**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:** In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks of the mysterious water which is capable of ‘welling up to eternal life.’ This is the life given, in Baptism - a life we are called to cherish and nurture. The elements of Baptism, namely the water of the font and the holy oils, refer us to the stuff of the cosmos - reminding us that everything is caught up in God’s loving purposes of making all things new. In the early Church, Baptism took place during the Easter Vigil and Baptism spoke of the new life and the new time of which Easter is the celebration and manifestation. Baptism has always found its fulfilment in the Eucharist which is the sacrament of the Kingdom - the sacrament of the ‘eternal life’ of the world to come.

**Collection 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Loose plate £77.50, Envelopes £88, standing orders £430.00; **Total £595.50.**

**Saint’s Days this week:** St Patrick (17<sup>th</sup>), St Cyril (18<sup>th</sup>), St Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Coronavirus:** Please read and observe the advice given to us by the Archdiocese.

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

**Mass and Stations of the Cross:** There will be a Mass at 10:00am on Tuesday morning (Feast of St. Patrick) followed by Stations of the Cross.

**Solemnity of St Joseph:** On Thursday at 10:00 am we celebrate the Feast of a very great saint of the Church: St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Mass will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00am.

**100 Club:** Thank you to all who have renewed or taken out a subscription this year. The first draw of 2020 will take place after Mass today. Prizes are £75, £45 and £30.

**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:** Maureen Martin, Kathleen Casey, Marjorie Fullbrook, Sean Collins, Tom Murray, Alex Abell, Thomas Murray, Leon Chesshire, Timothy O’Sullivan.

**Lately dead:** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Canon Peter Taylor, former curate of our parish (1961-1967).

**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 15th March 9.30am	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 9.30a,
<b>Day:</b>	Third Sunday of Lent	Fourth Sunday of Lent
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Joe and Maureen Martin (RIP) 11am Baptism of Eleanor Rose Orme	Bill Johnson (Intentions)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joe & James	Ethen & Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	Ian & Fran Lester & Alan Devoy	Christine Harris, Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons
<b>Readers:</b>	John McLellan & Stefan Hunka	David Green & Greg Hobbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Teresa Green, Mike Fairbrother & Joe Martin	Godfrey Chesshire, Louise Perry & Nuala Fulham
<b>Counting:</b>	Bob & Kathy Jones	Bernard Hammonds & Jean Henser
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Claire & Charles Keane
<b>Cleaning:</b>	C Mitchell & E Selby	C. Lynn & I Gibbons
<b>Flowers:</b>	Lent – No Flowers	Lent – No Flowers
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Kathryn & Sara	Jane & Kathryn
<b>Music:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group
<b>Day:</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>Time:</b>	10am Mass – <b>Feast of St Patrick</b> followed by Stations of the Cross	
<b>Intention:</b>	Paul Finn (RIP)	
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	tbc
	10am Mass – <b>Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	Paul Ruska (RIP)	

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

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