

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

14th February 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for February: Violence Against Women – We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Greetings: I trust that you are keeping well. I miss you all and keep you in my prayers daily - especially in the Mass. It has been good to hear the positive feedback from those who are joining in prayer together around the online Mass. I am hoping to provide more opportunities for prayer and reflection together during Lent.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Please find below a prayer which you can join in praying during the Mass online as you make your Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. We make this, and all our prayers through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Online: So that we might continue to pray together during this time of pandemic and restrictions, I will be sharing the Mass with you on-line. In addition, I will continue to post a weekly spiritual communion and reflection on the parish website. Also, if there is a call for it, I am happy to produce opportunities on-line for teaching and devotions during Lent. I hope that our participation in these acts of worship, reflection and devotion will go some way to drawing us together as members of the Body of Christ in this place at this challenging time. It is vital that as members of Christ’s Church that we should be united with Him and one another in prayer. News of Masses, other events and any developments will be published in the on-line weekly bulletin.

In order to join in with the Mass online each week please click on the YouTube link below to open the Parish YouTube channel and you will see the latest Mass with the date as the title. -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-jl7rCVWalEI8W4aBn6pUw>.

Ash Wednesday: I will also post the Mass for Ash Wednesday this week. Please use the same link above for both the Sunday and Ash Wednesday masses.

Lent – Teaching and Discussion: If there is sufficient interest, I am happy to prepare talks and discussion, online, for Lent. These would provide a regular opportunity to reflect on our faith. Please contact Fr Frank if you are interested in taking part. I will publish any details of these events in this online bulletin.

Take care and stay safe.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Fr Frank

Family Fast Day: CAFOD Family Fast Day is on **Friday 26 February 2021**. This Lent in lockdown, we can help transform lives!

Abdella has to walk ten hours a day to find water to keep his family alive. Please watch the short film by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/x8NOXN45tA>.

More information about CAFOD’s work and their Lent 2021 appeal, including how to donate, are available on their website: www.cafod.org.uk.

Resources for Lent and Easter: Links to online activities, retreats and resources for this Lent and Easter, are available on the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter-2021>.

Job Vacancy - Headteacher: Due to the impending retirement of our current head teacher, the Governors of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Southam are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and visionary head teacher to lead our successful, happy and growing Catholic school community from September 2021.

If you are interested in applying, please see the school website www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk or contact the school on **01926 812512** to arrange a visit after 4 p.m. Closing date for applications is 1st March 2021. Interviews will take place on 9th and 11th March.

Job Vacancy – Part-time HR Advisor: The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time position of HR Advisor. Based in the Columban Mission Office at St. Columban's in Solihull, the successful candidate will provide HR support on employee relation issues, will undertake recruitment and be responsible for on-boarding and the life cycle of all our employees and volunteers. For more information and to apply visit: www.columbans.co.uk or email: hr@columbans.co.uk. Deadline for applications: Sunday 28th February 2021.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers.

Margaret Collins (former parishioner of Blessed Robert Grissold.

If you would like someone to be named on our list of those who are sick, please contact David Green (david.monica@btinternet.com) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our website.

Anniversaries: Ken Cottrill, Josie Quinn, Frank McArle, Samuel and Ruth Carter, Catherine Utteridge, Patrick Casey, Desmond Martin.

Solemnities, Feast Days and Memorials for this week

Sun 14 Feb	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mark 1: 40-45 <i>Intention: Rev. Peter Alcott (RIP)</i>
Mon 15	Mark 8: 11-13
Tues 16	Mark 8: 14-21
Wed 17	Ash Wednesday Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs 18	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Luke 9: 22-25
Fri 19	Friday after Ash Wednesday Matthew 9: 14-15
Sat 20	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Luke 5: 27-32
Sun 21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mark 1: 12-15 <i>Intention: Joe Walshe (RIP)</i>

Items for Weekly Bulletin: Please send items for the bulletin to Ellie Clarke: iehclarke@btinternet.com (or call on **01676 533931**) by **7.00pm on Friday**.

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

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