

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

28th February 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my Son, the Beloved.”

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.

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.” “Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.”*

Lent Online: I hope that our participation in the variety of acts of worship, reflection and devotion listed below will help in drawing us together as members of the Body of Christ during 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, of teaching courses and other activities in Lent together with any developments will be published, here, in the on-line weekly bulletin.

Spiritual Communion: I will post a weekly spiritual communion on this parish website together with a meditation. This also provides a framework for daily prayer and meditation as I will supply references for the Gospel readings for the week.

Mass Online: So that we might continue to pray together during this time of pandemic and restrictions I will be sharing the Sunday Mass with you on-line.

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>.

Stations of the Cross: Various versions of the Stations of the Cross will be posted online during Lent. This week it is the meditations on the Way of the Cross written by St Alphonsus Liguori. Please use the same link as the Mass (see above) to access Stations of the Cross and other activities posted for Lent.

Lent Course: New material for the Lent course on the Holy Scriptures will be posted online on Thursdays - use the same link as for the Mass (see above) to access the Lent course.

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.

CAFOD Lent Appeal: 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.

Book of Remembrance: During Lent we will update our parish Book of Remembrance in which we record the anniversaries of parishioners and loved ones. We will be updating the pages on our parish website (www.brgparish.org.uk/faith/remembrance), and then amend the physical book once we are able to return to church. If you would like an anniversary to be added, please email the person's name (first name and surname) and the date and month to Ian and Ellie Clarke iehclarke@btinternet.com. We will update the records ready for Holy Week.

Resources for Lent and Easter: Links to online activities, retreats and resources for this Lent and Easter, are available on the diocesan website: 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.

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

Margaret Collins (former parishioner of Blessed Robert Grissold Church).

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.

Lately Dead: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen O'Gorman, recently departed, and for her family.

Anniversaries: Thomas Lawless, Joyce Needham, Vera Price, Carmel O'Connor, Keith Denison, Bunty Coxon, Charlotte Lowey, Judith Whitmarsh, Arthur Innes, Winnie White, Tom Carolan, Betty Burleigh, Patrick Kinsella, Kay Jay, Mary Webb, Honor Kenny.

Solemnities, Feast Days and Memorials for this week

Sun 28 Feb	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Mark 9: 2-10 <i>Intention: Mavis Bailey (RIP)</i>
Mon 1 Mar	Feast of St David Matthew 5: 13-16
Tues 2	Feast of St Chad Luke 10: 1-9
Fri 5	<i>First Friday. Women's World Day of Prayer</i> Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sun 28	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT John 2: 13-25 <i>Intention: Maureen O'Gorman (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**.

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