

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

7th March 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent

“Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for February: Sacrament of Reconciliation – Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Fr. Frank: *The portrait of Jesus in today’s Gospel is a world away from the storybook caricature of him as “gentle Jesus meek and mild,” whose harmlessness can sometimes look indistinguishable from effete weakness. Jesus was a builder – a carpenter by trade and, no doubt, he presented an imposing figure in the Temple when he overthrew the moneychangers’ tables and drove out the sellers of cattle, sheep and pigeons. No one was able to resist the power of this gentle and meek man who was passionate about God’s Temple being for God alone – it is not a place for the pursuit of self-interest – it is for the worship and service of God. We are that temple.*

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 throughout the week as I will supply references for the daily Gospel readings.

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 Mother Teresa. 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. This prayer was written by St Alphonsus Liguori:

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.

Dementia Prayer Week: This year’s week of prayer for those affected by dementia will begin on 12 March 2021, with the aim to raise awareness and a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of people living with dementia. More information and a link to resources can be found in the News section of the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/dementia-prayer-week-2021>.

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.

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.

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

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
during the sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul
and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing,
re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle
my love for and faith in you.
Amen.

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Solemnities, Feast Days and Memorials for this week

Sun 7 Mar **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
John 2: 13-25
Intention: Maureen O'Gorman (RIP)

Sun 14 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
John 3: 14-21
Intention: John Ott (RIP)

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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