

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

11th April 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

“Eight days later, Jesus came.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights – We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Father Frank: *Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Humankind not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practice mercy towards others. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” It is to this end that we receive the transforming Spirit of God - the Holy Spirit, who through the power of God’s great loving mercy, transforms our interior life in order that it might radiate outwardly and be a transforming power in the world.*

Re-opening of Blessed Robert Grissold Church for Mass:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you will know, the church re-opened for Mass last Sunday. Fr Chris Greaney will be presiding with the congregation gathered in the main body of the church on the first Sundays of the month. For the reasons I have explained in previous bulletins, I will be saying Mass on the other Sundays in the month with the congregation gathered in the hall behind the glass screen. Thanks to all the volunteers who are making this possible. A booking system will be introduced if it proves necessary but until then the seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There are a limited number of seats because of the continued need for distancing. Please see the information at the end of this newsletter.

Because the risk of infection remains high, the Sunday obligation is suspended and as most of our congregation are, understandably, reluctant to gather for Mass, I will continue regularly to post the Mass, a Spiritual Communion and guidance for prayer online.

Hopefully, with the roll-out of the vaccinations, the end of restrictions is in sight. With you, I look forward to the time when we can get back to some kind of normality.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Fr Frank

Thank you: Thank you for your generous Easter offerings and for the way you contribute to the life of our worshipping community, so facilitating our mutual strengthening in the faith.

Spiritual Communion: I will continue to 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.

Link for Mass: 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>.

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.

Wanted – Gift Aid Organiser: John McLellan, our Gift Aid Organiser at BRG, has decided to step down in April. As a parish we owe a great debt of gratitude to John for his work in this capacity, not least because the Gift Aid Organiser ensures that substantial funds are returned to the Parish each year. John has kindly expressed his desire for a planned and orderly takeover and is prepared to show his successor the ropes. If you would like to volunteer for this position, or if you want to explore the possibility further, please contact Fr Frank.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions: Divine Mercy Devotions, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, are from 3pm to 4pm in St Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. For parking please use St Peter's multi storey car park.

HRH Prince Philip (RIP): We pray for the repose of the soul of the recently departed HRH Prince Philip, asking God to comfort all those who mourn his passing - praying especially at this time for the Queen.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

100 Club: First draw of 2021. 1st prize, number 64, Bysshe Gibbs, £60; 2nd, 23, Keith Delaney, £40; 3rd, 13, Sophie (nee Dodd), £20. As previously announced, prizes have been reduced for the time being as we can only include members whose subscriptions have renewed automatically, as standing orders. When we are able to all meet up at church, we can collect cash and cheque subscriptions, and run the draws including all subscribers.

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: Frank Smith (senior), Hilda Taft, Kay Fisher, Charles Keane (senior), Evelyn Denison, Patrick Ruddy.

Solemnities, Feast Days and Memorials for this week

Sun 11Apr 9:30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY John 20: 19-31 <i>Intention: Fenella Briscoe (RIP)</i>
Mon 12	John 3:1-8
Tue 13	John 3: 7-15
Wed 14	John 3: 16-21
Thu 15	John 3: 31-36
Fri 16	John 6: 1-15
Sat 7	John 6: 16-21
Sun 18 9:30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Luke 24: 35-48

Rota Arrangements For Sunday Mass

Date & Time:	Sunday 11 April – 9.30 am	Sunday 18 April – 9.30 am
Day:	Divine Mercy Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Fenella Briscoe (RIP)	
Wardens:	Terry Biles, Stefan Hunka, Dave Cant, Chris Lynn	Joe Martin, Aidir Parizzi, Eileen and Elizabeth Selby
Reader:	<i>None required</i>	<i>None required</i>
Eucharistic Minister:	Stefan Hunka	Nuala Fulham

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.**

Masses at Blessed Robert Grissold in a time of Covid-19

Guidance for Parishioners

- + Attendees must wear a mask
- + Remain 2 metres apart
- + Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the Church
- + Follow the signs
- + Always follow the stewards' instructions

Holy Communion

- + All responses during the Mass to be whispered
- + Single file queue for Holy Communion (in one kind only) - please follow stewards' guidance.
- + The Host to be received in silence, on outstretched hand
- + Masks to be worn to receive the Host
- + Leave the church immediately after the conclusion of Mass – please follow stewards' guidance

Please do not congregate in the car park after leaving the church.

During Mass there will be no:

- + Children's liturgy
- + Offertory procession
- + Sign of peace
- + Parish missals, missalettes or hymn books
- + Congregational singing
- + Passing of collection bags
- + Flowers

Please stay at home if...

- + You are feeling ill or show any symptoms
- + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid-19
- + You have a sick family member at home
- + You have come into contact with someone who is infected

Those attending Mass will be asked to supply contact details for track and trace.

Please Note:

- + In the first instance, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Once capacity has been reached the stewards will prevent entry.
- + Wrap up warm - doors will be left open to increase ventilation wherever possible

Toilets in the church: In order to avoid possible spread of infection and to reduce the need for further cleaning we are trying to keep the toilets closed, but the toilet may be used in the case of emergency. If you need to use the toilet, you are asked to carefully clean and wipe down all surfaces you have touched.

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

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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