

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

31st March 2019 – 4th Sunday of Lent – Year C

“Your brother here was dead and has come to life.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for April: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Father Frank: *Jesus’ parables invite us to reflect on where we find ourselves in the story he is telling. So, in today’s Parable of the Prodigal Son, who do we most identify with? With the Father, having a care and concern for those in need and having a good nose for when a party is needed? Or do we identify more with the reckless, but eventually repentant, younger son? Do we see something of ourselves in his destructive self-centredness? Or do we see more of our self in the elder son - are we more like him in being full of resentment and making other people pay for our loveless faithfulness? Perhaps we see a little of all the characters in us. Wherever we find our self in the story, Christ invites us to reflect on the journey we have to make to be one with him.*

Saints and Feast Days: St Francis of Paola (2nd April), St Isidore (4th), St Vincent Ferrer (5th).

Collection 24th March: Loose plate £TBA, envelopes £TBA, standing orders £390.00, Total TBA.

Baptism: Please pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of Sophie Krystyna Donnelly who will be baptised here today after Mass.

Devotions in Lent: Every Tuesday in Lent, after the 10.00 am Mass, there will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. On Thursday evenings of Lent, after Mass, there will be Meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in these devotions.

100 Club: The winners of the first draw of 2019 are Ann Crossley (1st prize), Margaret McLellan (2nd prize) and Conor McSorley (3rd prize).

Get-together: This Wednesday, 3rd April. We meet at 10.30 am in the parish room for tea, coffee, cakes and a chat. All welcome.

First Friday Devotions: On the First Friday of every month there is a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St Margaret Mary received the vision of Christ which led to the devotion to the Sacred Heart. At the Consecration of our church a relic of Saint Margaret Mary was sealed in our altar giving us a special connection with this holy devotion.

Walk With Me Booklets: Maureen has managed to obtain another 12 of these booklets for Lent; if you would like to purchase one, please see her.

Lenten Breakfasts: The series of breakfasts and talks organised by Churches Together concludes next Saturday 6th April at 8.30am in the Methodist Church. Over five weeks we have been looking at five ‘Big Questions’, the fifth being, “Has science displaced religion?” The speaker will be Revd Alan Bayes, Chaplain to the Whitgift school in Croydon. He has been interfaith adviser to the Bishops of Durham and Swansea & Brecon respectively. Before ordination he studied physics at Imperial College London, followed by postgraduate work in Astrophysics at University College, London.

Thanksgiving Mass for Des Foxon: There will be thanksgiving mass on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.00 pm in St George & Teresa Church, Dorridge to mark the retirement of Des Foxon after 27 years as head of St George and Teresa School. All former pupils, parents and staff of the school are invited to attend. A “My Donate” page is open until 8th April for donations to the school PTA in honour of Mr Foxon’s retirement: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/stgeorgestteresaprimarieschool3>.

Nurses, your diocese needs you! More nurses are needed to accompany sick pilgrims on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 25 to 31 May this year. Details are available on the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

Thank You: Maureen would like to thank all parishioners for their concern and good wishes after her fall.

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, Barry Holmes.

Anniversaries: Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Paul McAuley, Hanna Sheehan, William Greenwood, Patrick Commins, Carol Kelly.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 31 st March – 9.30 am	Sunday 7 th April – 9.30 am
Day:	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP)	
Altar Servers:	Ethan, Joe	James
Wardens:	Madeleine Peat, Kevin & Sue McGovern	Joe Martin, Ann Ostler & Chris Mitchell
Readers:	Louise & John Perry	Maureen Carroll & Nuala Fulham
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen Carroll, Godfrey Chesshire & Nuala Fulham	Carol Beck, Godfrey Chesshire & Eileen Selby
Counting:	Charles Keane & Mike Fairbrother	John Perry & Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Claire & Charles Keane
Cleaning:	Chris & Margaret Burleigh	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Lent – No Flowers	Lent – No Flowers
Children's Liturgy:	Kathryn Driffield & Claire Keane	Celine Burley & Louise Perry
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire

Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 2 nd April	Wednesday 3 rd April	Thursday 4 th April	Friday 5 th April
Time:	10.00 am	10.00 am	7.00 pm	10.00 am
Intention:	<i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> Ewan Hocking, his parents and grandparents		<i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8 pm</i>	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

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