



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

16th March 2025, Second Sunday of Lent

"As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered"

The Pope's Prayer Intention: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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."*

Todays Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 156-159 of the Parish Mass Book.

Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis Church, Baddesley Clinton, or by arrangement.

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £110.52, Standing Orders £374, Total £484.52.

Weekday mass this week at Blessed Robert Grissold is at 7pm, and will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross during lent: there will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross after the 7pm Tuesday Masses at Blessed Robert Grissold and after the 9am Friday Masses at St Francis. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent: will follow the 9am Mass at St Francis on Thursdays each week during Lent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction. All welcome.

Prayer for Vocations: Throughout March prayers will be offered up for vocations during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and at the Holy Rosary, at St Francis after the 9am Masses on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at Saint Francis this Wednesday 19th March at 9.00am. Mass will be followed by the Holy Rosary.

CAFOD Second Collection next week: Lent Family Fast Day was on Fri 14th March and there will be a second collection next week for this. Please support communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, by phone 0303 303 3030 or donate £10 by Text to 70085 ref: CAFODLENT.

Advance Notice of Easter Services 2025: Please see notice board for full list of this years Easter services.

Prayer Group: A Parish Prayer Group is now meeting **every Thursday** in the Parish Hall from **4-5pm**. All welcome.

Easter Raffle: We are collecting donations for the Easter Raffle to raise Parish funds. Any chocolate or Easter related items very much appreciated. Donations may be left in the labelled container in the hall or given to Teresa Green.

Baptism of Otilie Blewitt, Saturday 29th March at Midday: Chris and Roz invite parishioners to join them to celebrate Otilie's baptism. Please pray for Otilie, her parents, godparents, family and friends.

Churches Together Lenten Talks 2025: Saturdays during Lent from 8:45-10am, with refreshments. Venue: Methodist Church, Station Road. This year's subject is the Council of Nicaea. Next date is Sat 22nd March (St Marys Temple Balsall).

Spring Fayre in aid of Save the Children: Saturday 29th March: St Francis Church Hall, Kenilworth. 10 am to 2pm.

Deanery Day Pilgrimage to Littlemore: 22nd March 2025: This is being held next Saturday at one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30a.m-3pm. Mass, followed by coffee, talks, guided tour of the College, BYO packed lunch, and Exposition with Indulgence prayers. Ample parking. There is no charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. To assist with numbers please confirm attendance to peter.rand@btinternet.com by 17 March latest.

Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 10th May 2025: For further information please contact the pilgrim organizer, Fr Philip Griffin on 01384 395308 or email olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

Kenilworth Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24th-28th June 2025: For further details and booking contact Peter Rand 01926 852163 or peter.rand@btinternet.com. Booking date extended by 2 weeks to 24 March. Only 6 places left.

Job vacancies: The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions, which will all be closing for applications shortly: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs.

Kenelm Youth Trust's Mission Team: is recruiting young people aged 18–25 to help lead outdoor activities, empowering the next generation, or simply exploring their own faith journey. For more information visit <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam.html>

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

Anniversaries this week: Maureen Martin, Catherine Casey, John Timperley, Tom Murray, John Quirke, Marjorie Fullbrook, Sean Collins, Kenneth Charles Grewcock, Alex Abell, Thomas Murray, Leon Chesshire, Timothy O'Sullivan.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll and Joan McLean.

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

Notices for the Bulletin: Please **email** all notices for the bulletin to **David Green** by **7.00 pm on Thursday** at david.monica@btopenworld.com

This Week's Sunday Mass and Rota Arrangements at Blessed Robert Grissold

Date & Time:	16 th March 9.30am	23 rd March 9.30am
Day:	Second Sunday of Lent	Third Sunday of Lent
Celebrant:	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
Intention:	Joe & Maureen Martin (RIP)	Herman Poelsma (RIP)
Wardens:	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power	Pat & Dave Thomas
Reader:	Chris Blewitt	Mike Fairbrother
Tea & Coffee:	Chesshire Family	Christina Plater & Helen Woods
Flowers:	None in Lent	None in Lent
Counting:	Aidir Parizzi & Family	Monica Green & Liz Selby
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
Altar Linen:	Chris Mitchell	Chris Mitchell
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh and Monica Green	Grainne and Anthony Breen

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Monica Green. She can be contacted at: or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk