



## Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

30<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"Your brother was dead, and is alive"*

**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:** *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.*

**Todays Readings and responses:** Today's readings and responses are on Pages 168-171 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 £67.40, Standing Orders £374, Total £748

**Weekday mass:** There will be no weekday Masses this week. Please see the Deanery website for other weekday Masses in the area: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

**Advance Notice of Easter Services 2025:** (See also full list on notice board).

- Palm Sunday (vigil service): 12<sup>th</sup> April - 6pm at St Francis.
- Palm Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> April - 9:30 am Blessed Robert Grissold and 11am at St Francis
- Holy Thursday: 17<sup>th</sup> April - 7pm Blessed Robert Grissold, and 7pm at St Francis (followed by watch)
- Good Friday: 18<sup>th</sup> April - 3pm Blessed Robert Grissold and 3pm at St Francis
- Easter Vigil: 19<sup>th</sup> April - 7:30pm Blessed Robert Grissold and 6pm at St Francis
- Easter Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> April - 9:30am Blessed Robert Grissold and 11am at St Francis

**Piety Stall:** This has been re-stocked, please take a look, help yourselves and put the money into the box in the wall.

**Prayer Group:** The Parish Prayer Group meets **every Thursday** in the Parish Hall from **4-5pm**. All welcome.

**Easter Raffle:** We are still collecting donations and selling tickets 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. Raffle tickets can be purchased after mass from Teresa Green.

**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. Last date is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Hosts: Blessed Robert Grissold).

**Churches Together Coffee Mornings:** Churches Together are running Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30am-Midday at the Jubilee Centre on Station Road. Each month a different congregation acts as host. The next dates is 5<sup>th</sup> April, hosted by St John the Baptist, Berkswell. All welcome.

**Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025:** For further information please contact the pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin on 01384 395308 or email [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Tues 24 - Sat 28 June SIX SPACES LEFT.** Kenilworth Parish are organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes and welcome parishioners, family and friends from local parishes. Convenient flights from Birmingham. Price is £747.50p in a twin/double. Including flights, 4 star central hotel, all meals and comprehensive travel insurance. Limited single rooms available. For further details and a booking form, contact Peter Rand, pilgrimage organiser. [peter.rand@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.rand@btinternet.com) 01926 852163. Booking date extended by 2 weeks to 24 March. Online and hard copy booking options available.

**Line dancing evening** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Lapworth Village Hall, Old Warwick Road, Kingswood, B94 6LD. 7.00-10.30pm. Learn to line dance! Set to be a great evening and fundraiser for St Francis Church. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets: Adults £10, children £5 and available from Pat Holliday 0777 941 9994 Email: [pat.holliday@outlook.com](mailto:pat.holliday@outlook.com) and Sandra Smith 0772 531 2831 Email: [sundial26uk@aol.com](mailto:sundial26uk@aol.com)

**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](http://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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year)

**Anniversaries this week:** Patrick Flynn, Anthony "Andy" Rudd, Margaret Ward, Jane Ridley, Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Paul McAuley, Hannah Sheehan, William Greenwood, Ronnie Hamill and Patrick Commins.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)

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

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	30th March 9.30am	6 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	Fourth Sunday of Lent	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP)	Eileen Cuthbert (RIP)
<b>Wardens:</b>	Dominic & Teresa Green	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn
<b>Reader:</b>	David Green	Ellie Clarke
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Anne Stewart, Carol Ann Grewcock & Lynda Leigh	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
<b>Flowers:</b>	None in Lent	None in Lent
<b>Counting:</b>	Anisha & Cherise Mathias	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Claire & Charles Keane	Louise Perry & Monica Green
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Chris Mitchell	Madeline Peat
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Grainne and Anthony Breen	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry

*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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

**Priest:** Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: [fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk)

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216.

**Parish website:** [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)

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