



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

6th April 2025, Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

The Pope's Prayer Intention: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Fr Frank: *We see in the Gospel today how the Jewish Law was interpreted at the time of Jesus such that it prescribed the death penalty for the sin of adultery. Jesus rejects the lack of humility and lack of mercy, shown in the story, by the woman's accusers. "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus' just authority made her accusers, all men, walk away. Jesus forgives the woman taken in adultery and rejects the cruelty and double standards of her accusers.*

Today's Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 176-179 of the Parish Mass Book.

Week Day Masses and Devotions (all welcome):

	Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Blessed Robert Grissold	9:30 Mass		7pm Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross		Prayer Group 4pm-5pm		
St Francis, Baddesley Clinton	11:00 Mass				9am Mass Followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary 10am Benediction	9am Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross	5:15-5:45pm Confession

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

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

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £xx, Standing Orders £xx, Total £xx

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

Easter Raffle: Many thanks for all of the generous donations towards the Parish Raffle. At this time, we do not require any further donations but now request that you show your support by purchasing raffle tickets. The Prize DRAW will take place after Mass on Sunday 13th April, refreshments will be served, and it is a great opportunity to both support the Parish and meet other parishioners in a convivial event. Hope to see many of you there! Raffle tickets can be purchased after mass from Teresa Green on 6th April.

Parish Coffee Morning: The next parish coffee morning will take place in the Narthex on Wednesday April 9th at 10:30am - tea, coffee scones, cake and good conversation in abundance - everyone welcome to join us

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

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

Line dancing evening on Saturday 24th 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 and Sandra Smith 0772 531 2831 Email: 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.

Kenelm Youth Trust are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at their retreat centres based in Alton, ST10 4TT. Please visit our website to apply: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html or call to discuss with us on 01538 703 224.

First Holy Communion If there is anyone who would like to begin preparation for First Holy Communion, please supply contact details to Fr Frank or Chris Mitchell. Thank you.

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Carol Kelly, Delia Murray, Frank Smith (Senior), Hilda Taft, Kay Fisher and Patrick Ruane.

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 **Gráinne Breen** by 7.00 pm on Thursday at grainneabreen@yahoo.com

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

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	6 th April 9:30am Fifth Sunday of Lent Fr. Frank Eileen Cuthbert (RIP)	13 th April 9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Fr. Frank
Wardens:	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn	John & Louise Perry
Reader:	Ellie Clarke	David Green
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
Flowers:	None in Lent	None in Lent
Counting:	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Altar Linen:	Madeline Peat	Madeline Peat
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	No Liturgy - School Holidays

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

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