



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

13th April 2025, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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: *Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday when the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery, the passage from death to life, is the heart of our faith. The account of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus forms the oldest part of the Gospels. It is what the evangelists recorded first. For them, it was the heart and nucleus of the Lord's witness to the loving purposes of God. That is why the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of our communal celebration as the Church and is at the heart of our lives as Christians and this is why the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are so important. Through the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we celebrate the greatest mysteries of our redemption keeping, through very special celebrations, the memorial of our Lord's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. I hope as many of us as possible will gather for these key celebrations in the Church's calendar.*

Today's Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 184-197 of the Parish Mass Book.

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £100.43, Standing Orders £xx, Total £xx

Weekday Masses and Devotions (all welcome):

- **Weekday mass** this week at Blessed Robert Grissold is at 7pm Tuesday. It will be followed by Stations of the Cross.
- **Prayer Group:** Our Prayer Group will not be meeting this Thursday 17th April (Holy Thursday) or the following week Thursday 24th April. The Prayer meeting will resume at the usual time 4pm to 5pm on Thursday 1st May. Everyone is most welcome.
- **Confession:** 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis Church, Baddesley Clinton, or by arrangement.

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

- **Chrism Mass** on Wednesday: 16th April at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral. All welcome to attend.
- **Holy Thursday** (Maundy Thursday): 17th April – 7pm Blessed Robert Grissold, and 7pm at St Francis (followed by watch)
- **Good Friday** Liturgy: 18th April – 3pm Blessed Robert Grissold and 3pm at St Francis
- **Easter Vigil** Mass: Saturday 19th April – 7:30pm Blessed Robert Grissold (Intention: Walter Burke (RIP)) and 6pm at St Francis
- **Easter Sunday:** 20th April – 9:30am Blessed Robert Grissold and 11am at St Francis

Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment, and new special ministers of Holy Communion will be enrolled, during the Liturgy of Holy Thursday.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025: married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, are invited to the annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 3rd May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass to confirm your attendance by 13th April.

Easter Raffle: Many thanks for all of the generous donations towards the Parish Raffle. The Prize DRAW will take place after Mass today 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!

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

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

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.

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Charles Keane (Senior), Evelyn Denison, Patrick Ruddy, Dorothy Perry Terry McLellan, Ann Patricia Cotterill and Marion Richards.

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@bopenworld.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:	13 th April 9.30am	20 th April 9.30am
Day:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
Celebrant:	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
Intention:	Anthony McLoughlin (RIP)	Maureen Carroll (ints)
Wardens:	John & Louise Perry	Godfrey Chessire/Aidir Parizzi/Lynda Leigh
Reader:	David Green	Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeline Peat & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	None in Lent	Pam Martin
Counting:	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharp
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby
Altar Linen:	Madeline Peat	Madeline Peat
Children's Liturgy:	No Liturgy - School Holidays	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

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