



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

20th April 2025, Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

"He must rise from the dead."

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: *Christ has risen. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the joy of Easter. Today, with the Holy Church of God throughout the world, we proclaim and celebrate the truth which is foundational to our Christian faith, that on the third day Christ rose from the dead. And Christ, the Risen One, does not depart from us but returns to greet us with his peace and to remain with us until the end of time. And we share his peace and rejoice in his presence in the Mass.*

Easter Offering *Thank you for the collection today which is the customary Easter offering to your priest. I am grateful for the generosity of spirit which is shown in so many ways in the life of the Parish.*

Today's Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 252-256 of the Parish Mass Book.

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £92.65, Standing Orders £xx, Total £xx

Weekday Masses and Devotions (all welcome):

- **Weekday mass** this week at Blessed Robert Grissold is at 7pm for Easter Tuesday, Solemnity.
- **Prayer Group:** Our Prayer Group will not be meeting this 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 Raffle: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Raffle by donating gifts and/or purchasing raffle tickets. Congratulations to the prize winners! The Prize Draw was a successful morning and £260 was raised.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025: Reminder for those who have confirmed their attendance - 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.

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 their website to apply: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html or call to discuss on 01538 703 224.

The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. We'd welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role - Further details available here www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Tim Cahill and Arthur Fairbrother.

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:	20 th April 9.30am	27 th April 9.30am
Day:	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	Second Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
Intention:	Maureen Carroll (ints)	Pat Doyle (RIP)
Wardens:	Lynda Leigh & Madeline Peat	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd
Reader:	Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry
Tea & Coffee:	Madeline Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd
Flowers:	Mary & Jo McCann	Mary & Jo McCann
Counting:	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharp	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
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

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

Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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