



## *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Second Sunday of Easter**

*"Eight days later, Jesus came."*

**The Pope:** *We continue to pray for the repose of Pope Francis and that the Holy Spirit will guide the deliberations of the Cardinals as they elect a new Pope.*

**Fr Frank:** *Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Humankind not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practice mercy towards others. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." It is to this end that we receive the transforming Spirit of God - the Holy Spirit, who through the power of God's great loving mercy, transforms our interior life in order that it might radiate outwardly and be a transforming power in the world.*

**Thank you,** *once again for your generous Easter offerings and for the way you contribute to the life of our worshipping community throughout the year. I feel privileged to be part of a church in which so many people give of themselves so selflessly and in so many different ways for the good of the community.*

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

**Today's Readings and responses:** Today's readings and responses are on Pages 256-259 of the Parish Mass Book.

**Weekday Masses and Devotions (all welcome):**

- **Weekday mass** this week at Blessed Robert Grissold is at 7pm for the Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe
- **Prayer Group:** Our Prayer Group will not be meeting this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Prayer Group will resume at the usual time 4pm to 5pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is most welcome.
- **Confession:** 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis Church, Baddesley Clinton, or by arrangement.

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:** The Warwick Deanery invites you to their Divine Mercy devotions, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions in St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE, today Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm to 4pm.

**Devotions in the Month of May:** May is the month of Our Blessed Lady. We can honour her, pray for the Church and for the world by saying the Rosary every day - especially in her month of May.

**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 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)

**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)

**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)

**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](http://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. They would welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role - Further details available here [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding)

**Anniversaries this week:** Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Sheila Buckland, John Scott, Patrick Flynn, Doris Newson, Richard Townsend and Tom Clifford.

**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 **Gráinne Breen** by **7.00 pm on Thursday** at [grainneabreen@yahoo.com](mailto:grainneabreen@yahoo.com)

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

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> <b>Day:</b> <b>Celebrant:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Fr. Frank Pat Doyle (RIP)	4 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Fr. Frank Election of the new Pope
<b>Wardens:</b>	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd	Monica Green & Madeline Peat
<b>Reader:</b>	Louise Perry	Chris Lynn
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
<b>Flowers:</b>	Mary & Jo McCann	Kathy Jones
<b>Counting:</b>	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins	Chris Lynn & Mike Fairbrother
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Björn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Claire Keane & Charles Keane
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Madeline Peat	Jean Henser
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	No Liturgy - School Holidays	Gráinne Breen & Anthony Scallan

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

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

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: [www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)