



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

4th May 2025, Third Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish."

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: Praying the Rosary in May, the Month of Our Blessed Lady - *The Holy Rosary is a form of prayer which has been practiced and encouraged by saints and Popes down through the ages. More importantly it is a prayer that has been urged by Our Blessed Lady herself. Mary appeared to St Dominic and instructed him to use the Rosary in combating heresy. In the apparitions in Lourdes in 1858, Our Lady appeared with the Rosary in her hand and recited it together with Bernadette. And in Fatima, in 1917, she appeared again holding the Rosary and encouraged the faithful to be diligent in praying the Rosary. It was at Fatima that Mary identified herself as "the Lady of the Rosary" and asked for the "Fatima prayer" to be said after each decade: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy."*

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £72, Standing Orders £xx, Total £xx

Today's Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 259-262 of the Parish Mass Book.

Weekday Masses and Devotions:

- **No midweek Masses this week or next** as Fr Frank is on his post-Easter break. For alternative midweek masses, please see the Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>
- **Prayer Group:** Our Prayer Group will resume at the usual time 4pm to 5pm this Thursday 8th May. Everyone is most welcome.
- **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.

Funeral Mass for June McArdle: Thursday 22nd May 2025, 11am at St. Thomas More Church (where June and Vince were married), Horse Shoes Lane, Sheldon, B26 3HU; and 1pm at Woodlands Crematorium, Coleshill, B46 1DP; followed by a gathering at the Cameo Suite, The Coleshill Hotel, B46 3AY. As per June's request, wearing bright colours preferred. Flowers or donations to Walsgrave Hospital, special care baby unit or NSPCC.

Second collection next Sunday 11th May: there will be second collection next Sunday for the Clergy Training Fund.

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

Churches together coffee morning: First Saturday of each month (3rd May and 7th June) – 10:30-12:00 at the Jubilee Centre, all welcome

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

Quiet Morning at Temple Balsall 7th June: See notice board for further details

Father Hudson's Caritas altar talk: Following mass on Sunday June 29th Father Hudson's Caritas will give an informative talk on their extensive work in the community

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

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. They would welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role - Further details available here www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding

Anniversaries this week: Doris Newson, Richard Townsend, Bridget Brookes, Matthew Tanner, Bridie Deeley, Martha Clements, Nini Brennan and Jocelyn Hawker.

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:	4 th May 9.30am Third Sunday of Easter Fr. Frank June McArdle (RIP)	11 th May 9.30am Fourth Sunday of Easter Fr. Frank
Wardens:	Monica Green & Madeline Peat	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart
Reader:	Chris Lynn	Anisha Mattias
Tea & Coffee:	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Chessire Family
Flowers:	Kathy Jones	Kathy Jones
Counting:	Chris Lynn & Mike Fairbrother	Winifred Dunn & Noreen Burgess
Music:	Björn Stinner	Björn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	Claire Keane & Charles Keane	Louise Perry, Lynda Leigh & Monica Green
Altar Linen:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Gráinne Breen & Anthony Scallan	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 if you have any concerns.

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk

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