



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

11th May 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I give eternal life to my sheep."

The Pope: *We celebrate the election of the new Pope, Pope Leo XIV.*

Fr Frank: *Praying the Rosary in May, the Month of Our Blessed Lady - the Holy Rosary is a rich and complete form of prayer. In the first place it is "Trinitarian." We begin the Rosary with the sign of the Cross as we invoke the Three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity: "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." We then recite the Apostles Creed, which calls to mind each of the Divine Persons in turn: "I believe in God the Father Almighty...and in Jesus Christ his only-begotten Son...I believe in the Holy Spirit." And each decade of the Rosary concludes with the Trinitarian prayer: "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit." The Rosary is also Christ-centred for the mysteries of the Rosary upon which we meditate are the mysteries of Christ's life. And in every "Hail Mary" prayed, we honour Christ by saying: "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."*

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £xx, Standing Orders £374, Total £xx

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

Today's Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 262-265 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:** 4pm to 5pm Thursdays - 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.
- **Confession:** 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement

Funeral Mass for June McArdle: Thursday 22nd May 2025, 11am will now be in Blessed Robert Grissold Church; 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.

Parish Coffee Morning: Please note there will be no coffee morning this month (regards Madeleine & Fran)

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 (7th June) – 10:30-12:00 at the Jubilee Centre, all welcome

Quiet Morning at Temple Balsall 7th June: *"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" Mark 6 v 31.* Meet at the Old Hall, Temple Balsall (adjacent to the church). Coffee will be available at 9.30am as you arrive for a prompt 10am start, finishing at 12 noon. Revd Jenny Dyer, Methodist Minister, will help direct our thoughts before we find our 'own individual space' within the beautiful grounds and buildings. 30 places only, please submit your name to Doug Timmis (01676 534346) as soon as possible.

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.

Anniversaries this week: Doris Newson, Richard Townsend, SallyAnne Gibbons, Margaret Hills, Bert Belford, John Crouch, Laurie Price, Reg Williams, Owen Walsh and Kerry O'Shea.

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:	11 th May 9.30am Fourth Sunday of Easter Fr. Frank	18 th May 9.30am Fifth Sunday of Easter Fr. Frank
Wardens:	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power
Reader:	Anisha Mattias	Mary Sharp
Tea & Coffee:	Chessire Family	Christina Plater & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Kathy Jones	Chris Mitchell
Counting:	Winifred Dunn & Noreen Burgess	Bob & Cathy Jones
Music:	Björn Stinner	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry, Lynda Leigh & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Altar Linen:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	Gráinne Breen & Anthony Scallan

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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