



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

25th May 2025, Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

A Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley: *I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023. I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.*

Fr Frank: *Praying the Rosary in May, the Month of Our Blessed Lady - The Holy Rosary is a rich and powerful prayer. Firstly, the Rosary is vocal prayer in that, the fixed words can be prayed aloud, but it also lends itself to meditative prayer as we reflect on each of the mysteries. This enables personal insights that can change our lives and meditation can lead to loving contemplation when our mind is seized by the depth of the mystery we are praying. That's why Pope St John Paul II wrote: "The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation." The words of the Rosary also contain prayers of praise and petition and the faithful often offer up each decade of the Rosary for a special intention. Countless believers, down through the ages have borne witness to the fruitful results of praying the Rosary. How could it be otherwise when, as Pope St John Paul II says: "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ."*

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £xx, Standing Orders £374, Total £xx. If you would like to set up a standing order, please contact Teresa Green for the relevant paperwork.

Second Collection next Sunday 1st June will be for Catholic Communications

Today's Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 267-270 of the Parish Mass Book.

Weekday Masses and Devotions:

- **Midweek mass** will be held at 7pm Tuesday evening in Blessed Robert Grissold, celebrating the Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
- **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** will be celebrated at St. Francis at 9.00am mass on Thursday 29th May
- **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 Dorothy June Ward (RIP): **Wednesday 28th May 2025, 11.30am** at Blessed Robert Grissold Church. Please pray for Dorothy, her friends and family.

Prayer Group: There will be **no** prayer group meeting this Thursday 29th May. Our meeting will resume again on Thursday 5th June, at the usual time of 4pm to 5pm. Everyone is most welcome.

CAFOD: Thank you so much to everyone who donated to CAFOD in the Lent Collection. Whether you donated in church or directly through the website, it will make an enormous difference to many lives. The total donation at church came to £404.55, but as so many of you gift aided the donation, the final total will amount to close to £500, which is an enormous effort for such a small church. Thank you very much, Chris Lynn.

Churches together coffee morning: First Saturday of each month (7th June) – 10:30-12:00 at the Jubilee Centre.

Quiet Morning at Temple Balsall 7th June: 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 lead, 30 places only, please submit your name to Doug Timmis (01676 534346) as soon as possible.

Day for Life, 15 June 2025: This year's Day for Life will take place on 15 June. In preparation for this, we are inviting the faithful to *pray the Novena for Life from 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May*. Information will be available on the Bishops' Conference website as well as at: <https://prayforlife.ie/> The Bishops' Conference Secretariat has also

prepared a wide range of resources to mark Day for Life, which will be soon be uploaded to the website:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>.

First Holy Communion will be held at BRG at 9.30am mass on Sunday 22nd June, pray for the parents and families of: Ewan Hocking, Teddy Lawley, Maoilín Scallan, Noah Traynor, Wyatt Chesshire-Ramon, Aoife Wick, Jack Power, Ava Menzies, Patrick Noonan, Adeline Blewitt, Ava Reilly, Rory Reilly, Annabelle Trengove, and Sophia Stevens.

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

Anniversaries this week: Doris Newson, Richard Townsend, Val Pugh, Michael Ruddy, Teresa Arikat and Hazel Taylor.

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: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	25 th May 9.30am Sixth Sunday of Easter Fr. Frank	1 st June 9.30am Seventh Sunday of Easter Fr. Frank
Wardens:	Pat & Dave Thomas	Dominic & Teresa Green
Reader:	Cheris Mattias	Aidir Parizzi
Tea & Coffee:	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock / Lynda Leigh	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
Flowers:	Chris Mitchell	Mary & Jo McCann
Counting:	Chris Mitchell & Anne Stewart	Aidir Parizzi & Family
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Björn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
Altar Linen:	Jean Henser	Teresa Green
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

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