

*Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

*In the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Mass Time Sunday 9.30am.*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*'He must rise from the dead'*

**Pope's Prayer Intention: Young people** - 'That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life'.

**Father 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.

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.

**Collection 9<sup>th</sup> April:** Loose plate £76.95, Envelopes £66.00, Standing Orders £355.00, Total £ 497.95

**Candle of dedication:** This week's dedication is for Kathleen, Ann and Tony Martin.

**Jean O'Reilly (RIP):** We pray for the repose of the soul of Jean O'Reilly and we pray for Danny, her husband, Jean's family and friends and for all who mourn her passing. Jean's body will be received into church on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00p.m., followed by a Requiem Mass on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.00p.m.

**HCPT Group 83** left for Lourdes in the early hours of yesterday morning to spend one week in Lourdes. They return next Saturday in the evening. While they are there they will remember your kindness and generosity. Please do remember them in your prayers during the week. May they have a safe and happy week and return home with many blessings and joys.

**Cakes for the Columbans:** Easter Sunday will be the final Lenten cake sale for the Columban missionaries. Thank you so much for your generosity in baking and buying cakes, helping with setting up, washing and cleaning up. Total amount raised to be confirmed next week.

**Mother & Toddler Group:** The parish is trying to set up a Mother & Toddler Group, probably on a Friday morning. If anyone is interested please speak to Maria Pulley (Tel: 07799 431573).

**School Bus Service:** Solihull MBC is currently consulting on proposals to cut the school bus service that connects Balsall Common to St George & Teresa, St Peter's and Arden Schools. This will have a negative long term impact on the ability of children from Balsall Common to access the Borough's Catholic Schools (as well as increasing car journeys, congestion and pollution). We would urge parishioners to respond to the Council's consultation either on-line at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation> or in writing to either School Transport, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB or via email [edtrans@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:edtrans@solihull.gov.uk). The deadline for comments is 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers:** Monica Pillow, Lily Mae Carr, Mary Keane, Consuelo Ramon, Denise Hamilton, Sister Maria Goretti, Joseph Lockington, Brian Kenny, Canon Peter Taylor, Kevin Lambert, John Aitken, Helen Hopkins, Heather O'Connell, Vincent Webb, Dave & Ian, Teresa Petropoulos, Ian Gibbs, Frances Carroll, Sarah & Martin Dunne, Cat Patton-Kennedy, Beryl Mound, Father Pat Sayles, Jonathan Ridler, Sister Teresa Moore, Kevin O'Donnell, Mary Murray, Adele Rudd, Marjorie Lee, Anne Santos, Louis Loughran, Linda Hatton, Leonardo Byrne, Ellie Clarke, Lucy Knifton, Jim Slattery, Bernard Hamond.

**Anniversaries:** Terry McLellan, Ann Patricia Cotterill, Dorothy Perry, Marion Richards.

### This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am	23 <sup>rd</sup> April – 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Easter Sunday	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Father Frank Ann Patricia Cotterill (RIP)	People of the Parish
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Matthew, Daniel and Jacob	Kathryn, Hannah and Laura
<b>Wardens:</b>	Christine Harris, Dominic Green & Irene Gibbons	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley & John McLellan
<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Sharp & David Bixby	Bob Jones & Stefan Hunka
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Maureen Carroll, Monica Green & Stefan Hunka	Carol Beck, Teresa Green & Madeleine Peat
<b>Counting:</b>	Chris Burleigh & Martin Sheehy	John Perry & Nuala Fulham
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Anne Stewart & Val Timms	Bridget Harrison
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Louise Perry & Monica Green	G&L Chesshire & Claire Keane
<b>Flowers:</b>	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	None in holidays	TBC
<b>Music:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group

#### This week's services

<b>Date:</b>	Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Time:</b>	Mass 10am	Mass 1pm	Mass 10 am
<b>Intention:</b>	Easter Tuesday Sister Brigid  6pm Reception of Jean O'Reilly (RIP)	Easter Wednesday  Requiem Mass for Jean O'Reilly	Easter Thursday

**Parish Room:** *MUST be booked with Louise Perry* – Tel 01676 533357.

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