

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

25th July 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for July: Social Friendship – We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Fr. Frank: Today the Gospel presents the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. The miracles worked by Jesus are truly divine works. They can lead people to raise their minds from the visible sign they have witnessed to the Godhead who is the power behind them. Yet small account is taken of the miracles that occur always and everywhere. Hardly anyone wonders at God’s marvellous creative power revealed in all the most ordinary things of life. Think of the wisdom and artistry revealed in even the smallest seed. And, of course, creating and governing the entire universe is a greater miracle than feeding five thousand people with five loaves.

Welcome Fr Michael Dolman: A warm welcome to Fr Michael Dolman, Rector of St Mary’s College Oscott, who will say mass for us today and next Sunday.

A Summary of the Guidance from the Bishop’s Conference concerning Step 4 of the Government’s Covid-19 roadmap which comes into effect on Monday 19th July.

At this stage it is important for us all to remember that although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches.

The guidance seeks to ensure there remains a cautious approach that encourages the continuation of social distancing, mask wearing and cleaning regimes in order to help to minimise risk and provide comfort and confidence to our people.

Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. General cleaning should be to a high standard with special attention to frequent touch points.

Buildings should be well ventilated and as long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes or by other means of attendee identification.

In the light of the Bishop’s Guidance and the Government’s call for caution and with a care for the most vulnerable among us, I propose that we should continue in exactly the same way as we have been until the end of August. This will help to protect the vulnerable among us at a time when infections are expected to surge and it will also give confidence to people who are hesitant about attending Mass.

So, no changes at Blessed Robert Grissold church until the end of August when we will review the situation. Please see below the restrictions which remain in place for the time being.

Thanks to all the volunteers who are making Mass possible. There are a limited number of seats available due to the continued need for distancing. A booking system will be introduced if it proves necessary but until then the seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. I will continue to post a weekly Spiritual Communion and guidance for prayer, online.

Spiritual Communion: I will continue to post a weekly spiritual communion on this parish website together with a meditation. This also provides a framework for daily prayer and meditation throughout the week as I will supply references for the daily Gospel readings.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Please find below a prayer which you can join in praying during the Mass online as you make your Spiritual Communion. This prayer was written by St Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. We make this, and all our prayers through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Holy Communion: Instruction for children not attending a Catholic school will start on or about **13th September** with a view to making Communion in November. Children should be at least 7 years old. Please contact **Chris Mitchell: 0774 2288722** or **Anne Stewart: 07704 210957**.

Church Cleaning – notice from Terry Biles: Now the church is open again following the closure due to Covid-19, you will appreciate the need for regular weekly cleaning. I am assuming that if you volunteered your services before you will be happy to continue again. If this is not the case, please do not hesitate to let me know. Also, there will be a need for new volunteers. Over the next week I will set up a cleaning rota with the above names and keyholders and we can start this process as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. **Terry Biles 07806 809510** T.biles@btinternet.com

Hiring of the Parish Room: Following the planned lockdown easing on the 19th July the parish room will once again be available for hire. If you are interested in hiring the hall for an upcoming event or a regular hire, please contact **Terry Biles** on **07806 809510** or email T.biles@btinternet.com

Transport to church for Maureen Carroll – notice from John Perry:

I am in the process of setting up a rota for bringing Maureen to church for Sunday Mass. If you volunteered your services before and will be happy to continue, please let me know. We do need more volunteers, if you can help, please see me after Mass, give me a ring or email me. Thank you for your continued support.

John Perry. **01676 533357**. jlgperry@btinternet.com .

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers.

Margaret Collins, Martin Dunn, Desmond Orr.

If you would like someone to be named on our list of those who are sick, please contact David Green (david.monica@btinternet.com) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our website.

Anniversaries: Francis Clements, Gary Patterson, Janina Shakespeare, Thomas Casey, Rosina Hopkins, Maria Powditch.

Solemnities, Feast Days and Memorials for this week

Sun 25 July 9:30am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME John 6: 1-15
Mon 26	Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne Matthew 13:31-35
Tue 27	Matthew 13:36-43
Wed 28	Matthew 13: 44-46
Thu 29	Memorial of St Martha John 11: 19-27
Fri 30	Matthew 13: 54-58
Sat 31	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Matthew 14: 1-12
Sun 1 Aug 9:30am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME John 6: 24-35

Rota Arrangements For Sunday Mass

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	Sunday 25 July – 9.30 am 17th in Ordinary Time Father Michael Dolman	Sunday 1 August – 9.30 am 18th in Ordinary Time Father Michael Dolman
Wardens:	Eileen Selby, Elizabeth Selby, Nuala Fulham, Irene Gibbon	TBC
Eucharistic Minister:	Stefan Hunka	Louise Perry
Flowers:	Chris Mitchell	Christine Harris

Items for Weekly Bulletin: Please send items for the bulletin to Ellie Clarke: iehclarke@btinternet.com (or call on **01676 533931**) by **7.00pm on Friday**.

Masses at Blessed Robert Grissold in a time of Covid-19

Guidance for Parishioners

- + Attendees must wear a mask
- + Remain 2 metres apart
- + Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the Church
- + Follow the signs
- + Always follow the stewards' instructions

Holy Communion

- + All responses during the Mass to be whispered
- + Single file queue for Holy Communion (in one kind only) - please follow stewards' guidance.
- + The Host to be received in silence, on outstretched hand.
- + Masks to be worn to receive the Host
- + Leave the church immediately after the Mass is finished

Please do not congregate in the car park after leaving the church.

During Mass there will be no:

- + Children's liturgy
- + Offertory procession
- + Sign of peace
- + Parish missals, missalettes or hymn books
- + Congregational singing
- + Passing of collection bags

Please stay at home if...

- + You are feeling ill or show any symptoms
- + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid-19
- + You have a sick family member at home
- + You have come into contact with someone who is infected

Those attending Mass will be asked to supply contact details for track and trace.

Please Note:

- + In the first instance, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Once capacity has been reached the stewards will prevent entry.
- + Wrap up warm - doors will be left open to increase ventilation wherever possible

Toilets in the church: In order to avoid possible spread of infection and to reduce the need for further cleaning we are trying to keep the toilets closed, but the toilet may be used in the case of emergency. If you need to use the toilet, you are asked to carefully clean and wipe down all surfaces you have touched.

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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