

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

14th January 2024, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'They saw where he lived, and stayed with him'

The Pope's Prayer Intention: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Fr Frank: *Today's Gospel conducts us to the River Jordan. This was the holy place where first century Judeans expected to see the Messiah come. It was also at this place that the people, long ago, crossed over into the promised land. Today's story finds us here at this holy place, where John the Baptist is proclaiming Jesus to be the Lamb of God - the One who takes away the sins of the world, the One we are to follow.*

Response to the Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: There is an opportunity for us all to spend time with Our Lord in silent prayer and meditation every Thursday at Saint Francis, Baddesley Clinton. Christ has chosen to be with us in the Eucharist until the end of time. We can reverence the love and humility of Christ, who comes to us in this way, by being with Him, listening to Him and opening our hearts to Him as he is presented to us in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9.00am Mass on Thursday and ends at 10.00am, with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). This is a very powerful means of growing in prayer and devotion to Christ. Stay for as long as you like - use the opportunity to pray, meditate, say the Rosary, to engage with the Holy Scriptures or spiritual reading, or simply to be still in the presence of our Blessed Lord. Feel free to leave when you are ready - think about making this a regular part of your prayer life in order to grow in your knowledge and love of God and be a witness to that love in the world. Prayer cards are available at the back of St Francis Church to assist in your full participation.

Holy Rosary There is an opportunity to pray the Holy Rosary together every Wednesday immediately after 9am Mass at St Francis Church.

Pierluigi Pega (RIP): Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pierluigi Pega whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Robert Grissold on Monday (15th January) at 11:00am. Also remember in your prayers all those who mourn his passing.

Tuesday Mass: Midweek mass returns this week at Blessed Robert Grissold at 10.00am (Intention: Tony Cuthbert (RIP)).

Deanery and Diocesan websites: Details of events and masses at other churches in our deanery, and news from our diocese, can be found on the deanery and diocesan websites given at the bottom of this newsletter.

BRG Church Room Bookings:

Mon 15 th Jan	Slimming World	08:30hrs to 1100hrs
Tues 16 th Jan	U3A Swing Band	14:00hrs to 16:00hrs
Tues 16 th Jan	Slimming World	17:00hrs to 19:30hrs

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll, Kathy Salmon (sister of Fran Lester).

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.

Anniversaries this week: Eileen Innes, Jack Brookes, Angela Belford and Audrey Morris.

Notices for the Bulletin: Please send all notices for the weekly bulletin to David Green by 7.00 pm on Thursdays at david.monica@btopenworld.com

Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

Date & Time: Day:	14 th January 9.30am Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 st January 9.30am Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Joe and Maureen Martin (RIP)	Father Frank Maureen Carroll (Ints)
Wardens:	Joe Martin and Monica Green	Godfrey Chesshire & Aidir Parizzi
Readers:	Nuala Fulham	Nigel Parker
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
Flowers:	Louise Perry	Linda Chesshire
Counting:	Monica Green and Liz Selby	Anisha & Cherise Mathias
Music:	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	C. Lynn & H. Woods	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby
Alter Linen:	Eileen Selby	Eileen Selby
Children's Liturgy:	Grainne & Anthony Scallon	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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