

## *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*'Repent, and believe the good news'*

**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:** *In today's Gospel reading we see how Jesus begins his public life with an exhortation to repent because the kingdom of heaven, or in Mark's version the kingdom of God, is at hand. This warning prompted by love is addressed to all, for no one is without sin. Yet no matter how many wounds our human nature has sustained, we are never justified in giving way to despair, for the Lord, in his great love for us, pours out his compassion abundantly on all who need it.*

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, make me know your ways.

**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 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.

**Tuesday Mass:** Midweek mass at Blessed Robert Grissold is at 10.00am (Intention: James Slattery (Ints)).

**Friday Mass:** There is a Mass every Friday at 9am at Saint Francis.

**Parish Meeting:** on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm there will be a meeting in the Parish Hall to discuss the arrangements for the Parish to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. All welcome.

**Desmond Orr (RIP):** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Desmon Orr whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Robert Grissold on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 11:30 am, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Bishops Tachbrook, CV33 9QP. Remember in your prayers all those who mourn his passing.

**Christian Unity Service:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18-25<sup>th</sup> Jan. This year the theme 'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:27) has been chosen by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso in West Africa, the service being based on the parable of The Good Samaritan. As part of Churches Together there will be a service held today, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, January, at St Peter's Church 5.30pm. All are welcome.

**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

**Funeral of Fr Christopher Greaney:** The funeral of Fr Chris will be held at St Peter's in Leamington. On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm there will a Reception and Mass celebrated by the Dean. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at Midday there will be a Funeral Mass celebrated by the Archbishop. Please pray for him and his family.

**BRG Church Room Bookings this week:**

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Slimming World	08:30hrs to 1100hrs
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Slimming World	17:00hrs to 19:30hrs
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Classical Music Appreciation	14:00hrs to 16:00hrs
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NWR	19:00hrs to 22:00hrs

**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](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our web site.

**Anniversaries this week:** Beryl Williams, Diane Harper, Philip Given, Emily McLellan, Joan Donovan, Dick Brennan, Marion Jones and Anne Marie Bossy.

**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](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)

**Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> <b>Day:</b>	21st January 9.30am <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January 9.30am <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	Father Frank Maureen Carroll (Ints)	Father Frank James Cullen (RIP)
<b>Wardens:</b>	Godfrey Chesshire & Aidir Parizzi	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd
<b>Readers:</b>	Nigel Parker	Chris Blewit
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Linda Chesshire
<b>Counting:</b>	Anisha & Cherise Mathias	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire
<b>Music:</b>	Bjorn Stinner	Linda Chesshire
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Eileen Selby	Nuala Fulham
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	Grainne & Anthony Scallan

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

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Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)