

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

28th January 2024, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'He taught them with authority'

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 Mark's Gospel Jesus' first miraculous work is an exorcism whereby he casts out an 'unclean spirit' - a demon. By this action Jesus' announcement of the coming of God's Kingdom becomes perceptible and concrete. Throughout the public ministry of Our Lord, Mark shows Jesus progressively dismantling the powers of darkness as he advances his assault on Satan's kingdom. Those who witness Jesus' words and actions are astonished for he teaches with authority. Also, it should be noticed that the presence of Christ draws the evil spirit out into the open. In the presence of Jesus the grip of evil on the man comes to light and he cries out in rage, challenging Jesus encroachment on the demon's formerly uncontested territory. St Leo XIII wrote the following prayer to strengthen us and to gain the Archangel's protection in the spiritual battle against the Devil and his evil influence.*

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel by Pope Leo XIII: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

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). Prayer cards are available at the back of St Francis Church to assist in your full participation.

St Peter Julian Eymard on Eucharistic Adoration "The object of Eucharistic adoration is the Divine Person of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him and He will speak to us. Anybody may speak to our Lord. Is He not there for everybody? Does he not tell us, "Come ye all to Me"? This conversation between the soul and our Lord is the true Eucharistic meditation, i.e. adoration... Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in Paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to Heaven, to the Divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy."

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

Tuesday Mass: This weeks Midweek mass at Blessed Robert Grissold is at 7.00pm (Intention: Desmond Orr (RIP)). There will be no morning mass this week.

Parish Meeting: this Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm there will be a meeting in the Parish Hall after 7pm Mass to discuss the arrangements for the Parish to celebrate its 30th Anniversary Year. All welcome.

Desmond Orr (RIP): Please pray for the repose of the soul of Desmon Orr whose requiem mass will be celebrated at Blessed Robert Grissold this Friday 2nd Feb at 11:30 am, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Bishops Tachbrook, CV33 9QP. Please keep Desmond and his loved ones in your prayers.

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

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 29 th Jan	Slimming World	08:30hrs to 1100hrs
Mon 29 th Jan	U3A	11:30hrs to 14:00 hrs
Tues 30 th Jan	U3A Swing Band	14:00hrs to 16:00hrs
Tues 30 th Jan	Slimming World	17:00hrs to 19:30hrs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Blessed Robert Grissold are hosting the third Lenten talk to be held on Sat 2nd March at the Methodist church. This involves being at the Methodist Church hall at 8am to help with refreshments. Talks start at 9.00am. Then help to clear up afterwards at 10.00. Please contact Louise Perry.

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: Vincent Webb, Mick Webb, Mary Chesshire, Nicholas Dodd and Becky Hulme.

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:	28 th January 9.30am Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 th February 9.30am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank James Cullen (RIP)	Father Frank Becky Hulme (RIP)
Wardens:	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn
Readers:	Chris Blewit	Ellie Clark
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd
Flowers:	Linda Chesshire	Anisha Mathias
Counting:	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Bjorn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	Godfrey & Linda Chesshire
Alter Linen:	Nuala Fulham	Nuala Fulham
Children's Liturgy:	Grainne & Anthony Scallan	TBC

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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