

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

4th February 2024, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another'

The Pope's Prayer Intention: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Fr Frank: *The healings and exorcisms of Jesus are a visible manifestation that the Kingdom of God is breaking into and conquering the world - that all things are being made new in and through Christ. The Gospels see illness as part of our fallen human condition which Jesus comes to heal and make whole.*

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

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."

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.

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

Tuesday Mass: No Mass this Tuesday (6th Feb). Please see the bulletin for services at St Francis or the deanery website for other weekday Masses. (<https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>).

Second collection: Next Sunday there will be a second collection for LIFE charity.

Funeral of Fr Christopher Greaney: The funeral of Fr Chris will be held at St Peter's Leamington this week. 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.

Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday). During Lent, Father hopes to follow each Tuesday Mass at BRG and Friday Mass at Saint Francis with Stations of the Cross. He also hopes to run a Lent Course at Saint Francis on Wednesdays after the 9.00am Mass.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS: Organised by Churches Together in Balsall & Berkswell

The Churches Together Lenten breakfast series is held on Saturdays during Lent at the Methodist Hall on Station Road, Balsall Common. They start at 8.30 with a Danish pastry and tea or coffee, (donations £2.00) and the talks start at 9.00. This year's subject is: 'Trail blazers of faith: Women Spiritual Icons in Christian History'. The dates and talks this year are:

17th February - 'Hildegard of Bingen' speaker Revd Clive Hicks

24th February - 'Edith Stein' speaker Revd Pauline Warner

2nd March - 'Evelyn Underhill' Canon Mark Britton

(HOSTED BY BLESSED ROBERT GRISSOLD)

9th March - 'Teresa of Avila' speaker Annie McCormick

16th March - 'Julian of Norwich' speaker Susan Mobberley

For more information about the speakers please see Church notice board.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We need volunteers to help us host the third Churches Together Lenten talk (see above) on Sat 2nd March at the Methodist Hall. This involves being at the Methodist Hall at 8am to help with refreshments and then help to clear up afterwards at 10.00. Please contact Louise Perry if you can help.

Blessed Robert Grissold Church 30th Anniversary, dates for your diary: 2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Blessed Robert Grissold Church. The following is advanced notice and dates for your diary of planned events to celebrate the anniversary year:

- The Archbishop has been invited to celebrate Mass during the year to coincide with Blessed Robert Grissold's Feast day and the Churches Consecration (Early summer - date to be confirmed).
- Parish Quiz Night - 28th Sept 2024
- Parish Meal (and entertainment) - 23rd Nov 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24th Nov 2024 (Youth Sunday)

Get Together: The next gathering of the monthly parish coffee morning will take place at 10.30 am on Wednesday 14th February in the Parish Room. Join us for tea, coffee, cakes and a chat. All welcome.

BALSALL COMMON MEMORIES CAFÉ - Dementia Friends Awareness Session: This is a 1 hour interactive session open to everyone who wants to become a Dementia Friend or know more about dementia. The session will be taken by David Rees-Jones from The Alzheimer's Society at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at the Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common. For more information contact: Christine Hornsby on 07974 140353.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis and Maureen Carroll.

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: Val Burgess, Tommy Kelly, Derek Bubb, Mollie Lea and George Hammond.

BRG Church Room Bookings:

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| Mon 5 th Feb | Slimming World | 08:30hrs to 1100hrs |
| Mon 5 th Feb | Hero's Meeting | 14:00hrs to 16:00 hrs |
| Tues 6 th Feb | Slimming World | 17:00hrs to 19:30hrs |
| Wed 7 th Feb | National Women's Register | 19:00hrs to 20:00hrs |

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.

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

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| Date & Time: Day: | 4 th February 9.30am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11 th February 9.30am Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Celebrant: Intention: | Father Frank Becky Hulme (RIP) | Father Frank Desmond Orr (RIP) |
| Wardens: | Joe Martin & Chris Lynn | John and Louise Perry |
| Readers: | Ellie Clark | Stefan Hunka |
| Tea & Coffee: | Louise Perry & Ann Dodd | Selby Family & Chris Mitchell |
| Flowers: | Anisha Mathias | Anisha Mathias |
| Counting: | Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt | Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe |
| Music: | Bjorn Stinner | Instrumental Group |
| Church Cleaning: | Godfrey & Linda Chesshire | Louise Perry & Monica Green |
| Alter Linen: | Nuala Fulham | Nuala Fulham |
| Children's Liturgy: | TBC | None this week |

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216.

Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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