

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

25th February 2024, Second Sunday in Lent

'This is my Son, the Beloved'

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: *Today in the Gospel we hear how the apostles Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the Mount of the Transfiguration - the same glimpse of glory that we are all given when we gather for the Mass, for in and through the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist we ascend to the heavenly places where, with Angels and Archangels and all the host of heaven, we worship the Beloved Son of God who sits at the right hand of the Father. God, the Holy Spirit, gathers us into the cloud of his glory. We listen to him in the scriptures. We feed on him in the Sacrament of the altar. No wonder the disciples "kept silence." "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here."*

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis Church, Baddesley Clinton, or by arrangement.

Second Collections: This Sunday there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Additional devotions in Lent:

- **Tuesdays** Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 10.00am Masses on Tuesdays during Lent at Blessed Robert Grissold. Tuesday Mass Intention this week is for Fr Christopher Greaney (RIP).
- **Wednesdays** The Holy Rosary will be prayed after the 9.00am Mass on Wednesdays at St Francis. The Rosary will be followed by a Lent Course.
- **Thursdays** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 9.00am Mass on Thursdays at St Francis. Adoration will finish at 10.00am with Benediction.
- **Fridays** Stations of the Cross will follow the 9.00am Mass on Fridays at St Francis.

Adults seeking reception: Adults seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should email Fr Frank by the end of February.

Preparation for Confirmation: Preparation for this important Sacrament is open to young people who are in Year 6 and above at school. For further information please contact Teresa Green on 07583 540060.

Altar Servers: If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Fr Frank.

World Day of Prayer: This Friday 1st March is the World Day of Prayer which has been prepared by the World day of Prayer committee in Palestine. This year the theme is *I beg you, bear with one another in love*. Our local celebration is being held at 10.am at St Mary the Virgin, Temple Balsall B93 0AN followed by tea/coffee and home made cakes. As we participate in this service of Prayer which starts at sunrise in Samoa, a great wave of Prayer will circle the globe ending at sunset back in Samoa. 146 countries participate to pray with and for the people of Palestine.

Millennium Project: Our thanks to Joe Martin who recently took the 'Coke Bottle' into the bank. The amazing amount of £151.86 was counted. A cheque has been given to Columban Father Ed O'Connell. He hopes to join us for Mass one Sunday to update us on the projects which are still ongoing in Lima.

Easter raffle: Donations of chocolate, biscuits or any other related 'Easter' treat are being requested for a Parish Easter Raffle. All profits will be donated to Church funds. Raffle tickets will be available from the

beginning of March and the draw will be held on Sunday 22nd March. All contributions will be gratefully received. Please give your donations to Teresa Green.

BRG Church Room Bookings: Please see parish notice board for details of this months bookings.

Churches Together Lenten breakfasts: The Churches Together Lenten breakfast series is held on Saturdays during Lent at the Methodist Hall, Station Road. They start at 8.30 with a Danish pastry and tea/coffee (£2 donation) and the talks start at 9.00. For further details please see Parish Notice Board.

Blessed Robert Grissold Church 30th Anniversary: 2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the opening of our Church. The following is advanced 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)

Anniversaries this week: Peter Doyle, Margaret Mulrennan, John Cawley, Glen Burgess, Martin Moylan, Cyril Smith, Vera Price, Thomas Lawless, Joyce Needham, Carmel O'Connor and Keith Denison.

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@bopenworld.com) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our web site.

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

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

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| Date & Time: Day: | 25 th February 9.30am Second Sunday of Lent | 3 rd March 9.30am Third Sunday of Lent |
| Celebrant: Intention: | Father Frank Private Intention (JM) | Father Frank |
| Wardens: | Christine Horner & Ann Dodd | Monica Green & Madeline Peat |
| Readers: | Aidir Parizzi | Andrew Chesshire-Ramon |
| Tea & Coffee: | Christina Plater & Helen Woods | Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock |
| Flowers: | None during Lent | None during Lent |
| Counting: | Chris Lynn & Mike Fairbrother | Bob and Kathy Jones |
| Music: | Bjorn Stinner | Instrumental Group |
| Church Cleaning: | Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby | TBC |
| Alter Linen: | Louise Perry | Louise Perry |
| Children's Liturgy: | Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry | Grainne & Anthony Scallan |

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