

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, Third Sunday in Lent**

*'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'*

**The Pope's Prayer Intention:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Fr Frank:** *The Father loves and liberates but in today's Gospel we see how his house can become 'a market place' where people are exploited. Jesus' protest and rejection of the trading taking part in the Temple affects powerful interests: the interests of those who have replaced God (without denying God openly) by greed, which Paul calls 'idolatry.' Paradoxically, this subtle and insidious substitution is often justified by religious arguments. None of us is immune from this. The Gospel today invites us to examine our conscience both at the personal level and as members of Christ's Church. Through Christ we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Lent is an opportunity for us to cleanse the temple of our lives from all that harms and diminishes us and those around us.*

**Response to the Psalm:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

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

**Second Collection today for CAFOD:** This Sunday there is a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Chris Lynn will give a short talk after Mass about family fast day and CAFODs aim to eradicate extreme poverty throughout the world. There will be envelopes available for giving donations. Please can these be returned to Chris either today or next week with your donation inside. Thank you very much for your support.

## **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.
- **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.

**First five Saturday Fatima Devotion for peace in the world.** On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "*The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays*". Please join Deacon Subhi in the parish hall at St George and St Theresa Church Dorridge on Saturday 9th March after the 10am Mass for tea and coffee, then at 11am to learn more about this beautiful devotion and how it will help bring about peace in world.

**Adults seeking reception:** Adults seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should email Fr Frank.

**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.

**Get Together:** The next gathering of the monthly parish coffee morning will take place at 10.30 am on Wednesday, 13th March, in the Parish Room. Join us for tea, coffee, cakes, scones and chat. All welcome.

**BRG Church Room Bookings:** Please see parish notice board for details of this month's bookings.

**Churches Together Lenten breakfasts:** The Churches Together Lenten breakfast series continues 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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> March. All contributions will be gratefully received. Please give your donations to Teresa Green.

**Blessed Robert Grissold Church 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** 2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024
- Parish Meal (and entertainment) - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 (Youth Sunday)

**Anniversaries this week:** Charlotte Lowey, Judith Whitmarsh, Bunty Coxon, Arthur Innes, Tom Carolan, Betty Burleigh, Winnie White, Patrick Kinsella, Mary Webb, Kay Jay, Honor Kenny, Mary Britt and Patrick Manion.

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

**This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> <b>Day:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b> <b>Intention:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Wardens:</b>	Monica Green & Madeline Peat	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart
<b>Readers:</b>	Andrew Chesshire-Ramon	Mike Fairbrother
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
<b>Flowers:</b>	None during Lent	None during Lent
<b>Counting:</b>	Bob & Kathy Jones	Chris Mitchell & Anne Stewart
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Chris Plater & Nuala Fulham	Terry Biles
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Grainne & Anthony Scallan	Chris & Roz Blewit

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

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