

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

10th March 2024, Fourth Sunday in Lent

'God sent his son so that through him the world might be saved'

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: *Today is Mothering Sunday and so we give thanks to God for our mothers and for all who are mothers in our community. May God bless you in your high calling, remembering that the greatest of the saints, Our Blessed Lady, was, like you, a mother and that through loving devotion to her calling attained to the heights of holiness.*

Pray for vocations: Please join our Deanery in offering up prayer for vocations during the month of March. There will be prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass at St Francis on Thursdays this month.

Prayer for vocations: *Lord, You told us "The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest." We ask You to strengthen us as we follow the vocation to which You have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests. We pray for those called to serve as sisters, brothers and deacons. Father we pray for those whom You have called and those You will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. St. John The Baptist Pray for Us. St. John Vianney Pray For Us.*

Response to the Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £62.10, Envelopes £7, Standing Orders £346.38, Total £415.48.

Second Collection from 25th February (Cathedral Maintenance): £68.55.

Additional devotions in Lent:

- **Tuesdays** Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass on Tuesdays at Blessed Robert Grissold. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS TIME THIS WEEK IS AT 9A.M
- **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.

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 this Wednesday, 13th March, in the Parish Room. Join us for tea, coffee, cakes, scones and chat. All welcome.

URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH CLEANING ROTA - The rota of volunteers for church cleaning has become seriously depleted of late and we urgently need more helpers. We need to maintain a clean and attractive church not only for services but also for the hall hire which generates important income for the church. All cleaning supplies are provided for use. No prior experience required! If you can help please contact Louise Perry after mass or call on 01676 533357.

FURTHER URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MANAGE THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS PROCESS – We require 2 people (or more) to form a team to manage the weekly offertory collection process and take over from Mike Fairbrother who has done this task for many years. The role consists of:

1. Update and maintain the Sunday Collections Volunteers Rota
2. Ensure the collections 'toolkit' is replenished as necessary (i.e. counting sheets, coin bags etc)
3. Collect money and record sheets from counters together with other receipts such as tea/coffee cash
4. Report weekly collection summary to Bulletin Editor
5. Prepare summary of all receipts to be banked and complete bank paying in slip
6. Arrange for the receipts to be banked – weekly or monthly.

No previous or accounting experience required! But it would be preferable for at least one of the team to have ability to use spreadsheets. If you can help please contact Father Frank or Mike Fairbrother.

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

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.

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Smith, Joan North, Fr. Christopher Thornton, Thelma Beck, John Perry (Snr.), Jack Utteridge, Peter Doyle, Maureen Martin, and Kathleen Casey.

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.

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

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

Date & Time: Day:	10 th March 9.30am Fourth Sunday of Lent	17 th March 9.30am Fifth Sunday of Lent
Celebrant: Intention:	Father Frank Kitty Hennessey (RIP)	Father Frank Mary McKeown (Special intention)
Wardens:	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart	Dominic & Teresa Green
Readers:	Mike Fairbrother	David Green
Tea & Coffee:	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
Flowers:	None during Lent	None during Lent
Counting:	Chris Mitchell & Anne Stewart	Aidir Parizzi & Family
Music:	Bjorn Stinner	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Terry Biles	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Alter Linen:	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	Chris & Roz Blewit

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

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