

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

17th March 2024, Fifth Sunday in Lent

'If a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest'

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: *Jesus calls us to serve him and follow him - to conversion. To turn away from sin - from all that harms our relationship with God and with our neighbour and to turn toward him, to serve him, do his will, to be faithful to our baptismal vocation. Conversion is a gift from God, won for us through the sacrifice of Christ and we must ask for it through fervent prayer in order that we might know the power of Christ's Resurrection working in our lives.*

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: A pure heart create for me, O God.

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £108.55, Envelopes £29, Standing Orders £374, Total £511.55.

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 (Note that Mass on Tuesday 26th will be an evening service (see below).
- **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.

URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS – There is an **urgent** need for volunteers to help with a variety of Church volunteer rota's and other roles in the Parish. These are wide ranging and the most urgent are:

- Church cleaning rota (Co-ordinator Louise Perry)
- Finance support - Co-ordination of weekly collection rota and counting team, and other cash receipts, reporting and banking receipts (Current co-ordinator Mike Fairbrother)
- Helping with Church Maintenance and Managing Hall Hire Bookings (Current temporary co-ordinator David Green)

No previous experience required for any of these roles, support and guidance will be provided. We would be so grateful to anyone who can offer their time or skills to lighten the load on current teams and volunteers. Please email Fr Frank at fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk if you are able to help or contact the current co-ordinator.

Opportunity for Adoration and Confession: On Tuesday 26th March Mass at BRG will be at 7pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for Confession. There will be no 10.00am Mass.

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.

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 still being requested for the Parish Easter Raffle. All profits will be donated to Church funds. Raffle tickets are available after Mass and the draw will be held next Sunday 22nd March. Please give your donations to Teresa Green.

Recently deceased: Malcolm Stent (Entertainer).

Anniversaries this week: John Quirke, Marjorie Fullbrook, Sean Collins, Tom Murray, Charles Grewcock, Alex Abell, Thomas Murray, Leon Chesshire and Timothy O'Sullivan.

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:	17 th March 9.30am	24 th March 9.30am
Day:	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday the Passion of the Lord
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Mary McKeown (special intention)	
Wardens:	Dominic & Teresa Green	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power
Readers:	David Green	Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	None during Lent	None during Lent
Counting:	Monica Green & Elizabeth Power	Anisha and Cherise Mathias
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Alter Linen:	Louise Perry	Chris Mitchell
Children's Liturgy:	Chris & Roz Blewit	None during School holidays

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

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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

Holy Week and Easter Masses

(BRG – Blessed Robert Grissold, SF – Saint Francis of Assisi)

Saturday 23 March, 6pm - **Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass** at SF

Sunday 24 March, 9.30am - **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass** at BRG

Sunday 24 March, 11am - **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass** at SF

Tuesday 26 March, 7pm - **Tuesday of Holy Week Mass** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Confessions at BRG.

Wednesday 27 March, 11:30 am - **Chrism Mass - Wednesday of Holy Week** at St Chad's Cathedral

Thursday 28 March, 7pm - **Maundy Thursday Masses** at both SF & BRG

Friday 29 March, 3pm - **Good Friday** at both SF & BRG

Saturday 30 March, 6pm - **Easter Vigil Mass** at SF

Saturday 30 March, 7pm - **Easter Vigil Mass** at BRG

Sunday 31 March, 9:30am - **Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass** at BRG

Sunday 31 March, 11am - **Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass** at SF