

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

24th March 2024, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

'Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord'

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: *Holy Week begins today and it is the most important week in the Church's calendar. Holy Week opens with Palm Sunday when we carry palm crosses in procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. During Holy Week we celebrate the Easter Triduum, comprising the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday evening). The liturgy of Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, also there is the Washing of Feet in remembrance of our Lord's example of humble service. On Good Friday we celebrate the Lord's Passion and venerate the Cross. The wonderful liturgy of the Easter Vigil is celebrated on Saturday of Holy Week with the blessing and preparation of the Easter Candle and the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. The celebration of Easter Sunday completes the celebrations we have prepared for during Lent. These sacred liturgies shine forth as the high point of the Church's year. The Paschal Triduum is at the heart of all that it means to be the Church and we owe it to ourselves as Christians to be present at these key moments in the life of the worshipping community, for the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate on these three days, are not only the most beautiful liturgies of the Church's calendar, they are also the axle on which the rest of the liturgical year turns.*

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

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.

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £32.90, Envelopes £15, Standing Orders £374, Total £421.90.

Collection on Good Friday: There will be a collection on Friday for the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

Easter Offering As is customary, your Easter offerings are for your Parish Priest. Fr Frank is so grateful for the generosity of spirit which is shown in so many ways in the life of the Parish.

Ministers of the Eucharist will be invited, at Mass on Maunday Thursday, to renew their commitment to serve the parish.

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.

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.

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)

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

Easter raffle: The Easter raffle will be held today after Mass. Tickets still available before the draw is made.

Anniversaries this week: Alison Taylor, Reginald Branson, Patrick Flynn, Anthony "Andy" Rudd, and Margaret Ward.

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 bulletin this week to David Green by 7.00 pm on **Wednesday** at david.monica@btopenworld.com **Please note the earlier deadline this week**

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

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| Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention: | 24 th March 9.30am Palm Sunday the Passion of the Lord Father Frank Patrick Flynn (RIP) | 31 st March 9.30am Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Father Frank Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP) |
| Wardens: | Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power | Dominic and Teresa Green |
| Readers: | Nuala Fulham | Chris Lynn |
| Tea & Coffee: | Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham | Louise Perry & Ann Dodd |
| Flowers: | None during Lent | Kathy Jones |
| Counting: | Anisha and Cherise Mathias | TBC |
| Music: | Linda Chesshire | Linda Chesshire |
| Church Cleaning: | Chris Lynn & Helen Woods | Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby |
| Alter Linen: | Chris Mitchell | Chris Mitchell |
| Children's Liturgy: | None during School holidays | None during School holidays |

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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**

Int: Patrick Flynn (RIP)

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

Int: Amy Norman (RIP)

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**

Int: Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP)

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

(PLEASE NOTE: CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT SUNDAY).