

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

31st March 2024, Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

'He must rise from the dead'

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: *Christ has risen. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the joy of Easter. Today, with the Holy Church of God throughout the world, we proclaim and celebrate the truth which is foundational to our Christian faith, that on the third day Christ rose from the dead. And Christ, the Risen One, does not depart from us but returns to greet us with his peace and to remain with us until the end of time. And we share his peace and rejoice in his presence in the Mass.*

Response to the Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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

Easter Offering: Thank you for the collection today which is the customary Easter offering to your priest. I am grateful for the generosity of spirit which is shown in so many ways in the life of the Parish.

Weekday Mass: on Tuesday 2nd April will be at 7.00pm at BRG instead of the usual 10.00am Mass.

Change to weekday Mass times at Saint Francis: This week the weekday Mass at Saint Francis on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be at 10.00am instead of the usual 9.00am start.

Stella Maris Mass You are invited to the Stella Maris Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley on Wednesday 10 April at 12:15 at St Chads Cathedral, Birmingham. Should you be able to join on that day please RSVP to Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org or by phone on 0207 901 1931.

Divine Mercy devotions: On behalf of the Warwick Deanery, you are invited to our Divine Mercy devotions, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in St Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. Confessions are from 2.30pm with devotions from 3pm to 4pm.

Advanced notice: Fr Ed O'Connell of the Columban's will visit and celebrate the Mass on Sunday 2nd June. The Parish have supported Fr Ed's mission for many years and it will be good to catch up with news.

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. Please note the following 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.

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Ruddy, Rose Carolan, Paul McAuley, Hannah Sheehan, William Greenwood, Ronnie Hamill and Patrick Commins.

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 to David Green by 7.00 pm on **Thursday** at david.monica@btopenworld.com

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

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| Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention: | 31 st March 9.30am Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Father Frank Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP) | 7 th April 9.30am Second Sunday of Easter Father Frank Joe & Maureen Martin (RIP) |
| Wardens: | Dominic and Teresa Green | John & Louise Perry |
| Readers: | Chris Lynn | Cherise Mattias |
| Tea & Coffee: | Louise Perry & Ann Dodd | Selby Family & Chris Mitchell |
| Flowers: | Kathy Jones | Kathy Jones |
| Counting: | TBC | Carol Beck & Andrew Cheshire |
| Music: | Linda Cheshire | Instrumental Group |
| Church Cleaning: | Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby | Chris Plater & Nuala Fulham |
| 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.

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