

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Second Sunday of Easter

*'Eight days later, Jesus came'*

**The Pope's Prayer Intention:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Fr Frank:** *Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Humankind not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practice mercy towards others. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." It is to this end that we receive the transforming Spirit of God - the Holy Spirit, who through the power of God's great loving mercy, transforms our interior life in order that it might radiate outwardly and be a transforming power in the world.*

**Response to the Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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

**Easter Offering:** Thank you for the collection last weekend which was 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.

**Change to Weekday Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold:** Please note that this week there will be a **10.00am Mass on Monday** at BRG for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. There will be no Tuesday Mass this week. Please see Deanery website if you would like to see times of any other alternative weekday Masses.

**Stella Maris Mass** You are invited to the Stella Maris Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley this 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](mailto:Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org) or by phone on 0207 901 1931.

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** With regards to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St John Bosco says: "Do you want our Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him seldom."

**Opportunity for Pilgrimage to Walsingham as part of the Jubilee Year 2025** If you are interested in visiting Walsingham as part of the Jubilee Year please see information on their website: [Come to Walsingham for the Jubilee Year 2025! - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady](#)

**Easter Raffle:** A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts and bought tickets for the Easter Raffle. The total sum came to £260 and will be given to Church funds. Thank you to Teresa and Dominic Green for organising this.

**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)
- Managing Hall Hire Bookings (Current temporary co-ordinator David Green)

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

**Get Together:** The next gathering of the monthly parish coffee morning will take place at 10.30 am on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, in the Parish Room. Join us for tea, coffee, cakes, scones and chat. All welcome.

**Blessed Robert Grissold Church 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** 2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of our Church. Please note the following dates for your diary of planned events to celebrate the anniversary year:

- Early Summer – Mass with The Archbishop (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)

**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.

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

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Carol Kelly, Delia Murray, Frank Smith (Senior), Hilda Taft, Kay Fisher and Patrick Ruane.

**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 bulletin to David Green by 7.00 pm on **Thursday** at [david.monica@btopenworld.com](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)

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

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	14 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Joe & Maureen Martin (RIP)	
<b>Wardens:</b>	John & Louise Perry	Godfrey Chesshire/Aidir Parizzi
<b>Readers:</b>	Cherise Mattias	Ian Clarke
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Chesshire Family
<b>Flowers:</b>	Kathy Jones	Bridget Harrison
<b>Counting:</b>	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Chris Plater & Nuala Fulham	Vacant slot (TBC)
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Chris Mitchell	Chris Mitchell
<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>	None during School holidays	TBC

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

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**Parish website: [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)**

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)