

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

14th April 2024, Third Sunday of Easter

'It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead'

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: *The consequences of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ do not end with Easter Day. For those for whom the power of the Resurrection was a first-hand experience, it affected the rest of their lives. Today we remember that the Resurrection was a dynamic and transforming experience for the friends of Jesus and we pray that it may be so for us also.*

Response to the Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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

No weekday Masses: Fr Frank will be taking his post-Easter break this week and so there will be no weekday Masses at BRG and Saint Francis. For alternative weekday Masses, please see the Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £54.40, Envelopes £10, Standing Orders £374, Total £438.40

Second collection Next Sunday: there will be a second collection next week for the Clergy Training Fund.

CAFOD: A huge thank you for the response to the CAFOD Lent appeal which raised £518.75. When added with Gift Aid totals £633.75. This will really help the impoverished communities around the world.

URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS – There remains an **urgent** need for more volunteers to help with a variety of Church rota's and other roles in the Parish. The response to date has been disappointing. The support needed is wide ranging but 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 if you are able to help or contact the current co-ordinator.

True devotion to Jesus and Mary: The Warwickshire group would welcome anyone from the deanery to join. This devotion is a perfect renewal of baptismal promises and is based on the teachings and spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please bring your rosary for our first meeting: Upper Room St Peter's parish centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA on Saturday 27th April at 11am. Parish website: catholicleamington.org.uk. Local contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399. Email: rcia.cathleam@gmail.com

Adults seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church: Please email Fr Frank.

Altar Servers: If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Fr Frank.

Deanery Pastoral Council: Further to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter of 17th March, a second information and preparation meeting for the Deanery Pastoral Council was held this week and a few parishioners attended. A further meeting is scheduled for 18th June. More information to follow in due course. If you would like further information please speak to Ian and Ellie Clark, Bob Jones or David Green.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to an annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral at Midday on Sat 4th May, followed by refreshments. Visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

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](#)

Job vacancy Friends of the Holy Land are looking for an energetic, dedicated individual to join our fast-moving, growing charity making a difference to Christians in the Holy Land. The successful candidate must have office experience, excellent oral and written communication skills and be a 'people person'; social media experience is also desirable. Full details are available at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/jobs>. Closing date for applications is 29th April. Please send your CV and covering letter to Jen Hill at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Anniversaries this week: Charles Keane (Senior), Evelyn Denison, Patrick Ruddy, Dorothy Perry, Terry McLellan, Ann Patricia Cotterill and Marion Richards.

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

Date & Time:	14 th April 9.30am	21 st April 9.30am
Day:	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Maggie Ellis (ints)	
Wardens:	Godfrey Chesshire & Aidir Parizzi	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd
Readers:	Ian Clarke	Nigel Parker
Tea & Coffee:	Chesshire Family	Christina Plater & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Bridget Harrison	Bridget Harrison
Counting:	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe
Music:	Bjorn Stinner	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Vacant slot (TBC)	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Alter Linen:	Chris Mitchell	Chris Mitchell
Children's Liturgy:	TBC	TBC

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.

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