

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

21st April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter

“The good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep”

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 World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life and that all believers will be faithful to their baptismal vocation. To follow Christ is to love him, to trust him, to serve him and to do his will - which is also what it means to be faithful to our vocation. Christ, the Good Shepherd, tells us that his sheep follow him “because they recognise his voice.” We have to learn to distinguish the voice of the one true God from the voices of the many false gods and idols which call to us today.*

Response to the Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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

Last week’s Collection: Loose plate £107.50, Envelopes £10, Standing Orders £374, Total £491.50.

Second collection: there will be a second collection today for the Clergy Training Fund.

No weekday Masses: Fr Frank will continue his post-Easter break into this week and so there will be no weekday Masses at BRG. There will be a Mass at Saint Francis on Thursday and Friday at 9.00am, but no Mass on Wednesday this week. For alternative weekday Masses, please see the Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

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.

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.

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:

- Early Summer – Mass with The Archbishop (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)

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

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

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 is 29th April. Send your CV and covering letter to Jen Hill at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Anniversaries this week: Tim Cahill and Arthur Fairbrother.

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:	21 st April 9.30am	28 th April 9.30am
Day:	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:		
Wardens:	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd	Monica Green & Madeline Peat
Readers:	Nigel Parker	Mary Sharp
Tea & Coffee:	Christina Plater & Helen Woods	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock / Lynda Leigh
Flowers:	Bridget Harrison	Pam Martin
Counting:	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Alter Linen:	Chris Mitchell	Madeline Peat
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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