

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*“A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends”*

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention:** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**Fr Frank:** *Jesus calls us to follow his example in choosing to give ourselves in love, even when it hurts for this is the kind of love that mirrors God’s love. Authentic love is about self-giving - this cannot be accomplished in our own strength - but we can choose to try, confident that our efforts will be backed by God’s energetic and all-conquering love.*

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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

**Tuesday Mass:** Please note that midweek mass at BRG is now on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will follow the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday at BRG this week and every first Tuesday of each month, followed by Benediction at 8.00pm. All welcome.

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** to be celebrated on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am at Saint Francis. This Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All welcome.

**Last week’s Collection:** Loose plate £100.85, Envelopes £12, Standing Orders £374, Total £486.85.

**Retiring Collection next week** for Catholic Communications.

**Baptism of Roman James Martin today at 1pm.** Please keep Roman, his Parents and Godparents in your prayers.

**Study of John’s Gospel from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** Fr Frank intends to lead a study of John’s Gospel at Saint Francis after the 9.00am Mass and the Holy Rosary each Wednesday from 8<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome.

**Parish Coffee Morning** – exceptionally, this month’s gathering will be on the THIRD Wednesday of the month, 15<sup>th</sup> May, but everything else stays the same! All welcome for tea, coffee and cakes a plenty at 10:30 in the Narthex.

**URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS** – We have now had some responses for more volunteers to help with the vacancies on the Church rota’s but still need more help please. The most urgent are:

- Church cleaning rota (Co-ordinator Louise Perry)
- Managing Hall Hire Bookings (Current temporary co-ordinator David Green)

No previous experience required for 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.

**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 Meal (and entertainment) - 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024
- Parish Quiz Night - 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)

**Advanced notice:** Fr Ed O'Connell of the Columbans will visit and celebrate the Mass on Sun 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.

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Bridget Brookes, Matthew Tanner, Bridie Deeley, Martha Clements and Nini Brennan, and Jocelyn Hawke.

**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**

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| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>    | 5 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am    | 12 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am     |
| <b>Day:</b>                | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> | <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> |
| <b>Celebrant:</b>          | Father Frank                  | Father Frank                    |
| <b>Intention:</b>          |                               |                                 |
| <b>Wardens:</b>            | Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart   | Dominic & Teresa Green          |
| <b>Readers:</b>            | Chris Blewitt                 | Ellie Clarke                    |
| <b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>   | Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler | Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp         |
| <b>Flowers:</b>            | Pam Martin                    | Pam Martin                      |
| <b>Counting:</b>           | Chris Lynn & Mike Fairbrother | Bob & Kathy Jones               |
| <b>Music:</b>              | Bjorn Stinner                 | Instrumental Group              |
| <b>Church Cleaning:</b>    | Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby | Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham |
| <b>Alter Linen:</b>        | Madeline Peat                 | Madeline Peat                   |
| <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | None this week                | TBC                             |

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

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