

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*"They may be one like us!"*

**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:** *The Gospel today invites us to celebrate the mystery at the heart of our salvation: God longs for us to be united with him, and with one another, in love. The readings from John typically rejoice at the Good News that we are truly loved by God - the God who is love. And God's great love is revealed most powerfully in the life death, resurrection and ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ and is made truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.*

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**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. Intention this week for Students preparing for examinations.

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

**Last week's Collection:** Loose plate £65.15, Envelopes £5, Standing Orders £374, Total £444.15

**Retiring Collection today:** for Catholic Communications.

**Cafod Sudan appeal:** There will be a second collection for aid to the people of Sudan next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Study of John's Gospel** Fr Frank is leading a study of John's Gospel at Saint Francis after the 9.00am Mass and the Holy Rosary on Wednesdays. All welcome.

**Parish Council:** Please print your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church if you would like to serve on the Parish Council for Blessed Robert Grissold.

**Deanery Pastoral Council** – Further to the Archbishops Pastoral letter during Lent, the Banbury and Warwick Deanery is in the process of establishing a Deanery Pastoral Council and a couple of preparation meetings have been held which a number of our parishioners have attended. The first Deanery Council meeting is planned for June. More information to follow in due course.

**Parish Coffee Morning** – this month's gathering will be held this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

**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.

**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)

**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:** Margaret Hills, Bert Belford, John Crouch, Laurie Price, Reg Williams, Owen Walsh, Kerry Oshea, Fred Chesshire.

**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 **this week to Ellie Clarke** by 7.00 pm on **Thursday** at [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com)

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

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	19 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Selby and Power family (Thanksgiving)	Josie McEllroy (Intentions)
<b>Wardens:</b>	Dominic & Teresa Green	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn
<b>Readers:</b>	Ellie Clarke	Stefan Hunka
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
<b>Counting:</b>	Bob & Kathy Jones	Chris Mitchell & Anne Stewart
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	TBC
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Madeline Peat	Madeline Peat
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	Chris & Roz Blewitt

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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)