

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

19th May 2024, Solemnity of Pentecost

"As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit"

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: *Today the Church of God throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. It is God's Spirit who inspires us to obey God's commandments. All who love God experience the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. He counsels us and reminds us of what Jesus has said. The Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. As we thank God today for the gift of his Holy Spirit let us pray that our Christian discipleship manifests these fruits of God's Spirit*

Response to the Psalm: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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 Caitlin & Tom (and for all students taking exams).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesdays at BRG every first Tuesday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £50.20, Envelopes £6.50, Standing Orders £374, Total £430.70.

Last week's Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications: £26.80.

CAFOD Sudan Emergency appeal: There will be a second collection today for aid to the people of Sudan, who are facing a growing humanitarian crisis in the face of war, displacement and hunger.

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest will be celebrated on Thursday 23rd May at Saint Francis at 9.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All welcome.

Baptism: Please pray for Maria who is to be Baptised on Sat 25th May at BRG at 4.00 pm. Please also pray for her Parents and Godparents.

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.

Urgent need for volunteers: There is an urgent need for volunteers to come forward to assist the small team who are currently managing all aspects of Church maintenance, finance, hall hire, cleaning etc. We would be so grateful to anyone who can offer their time or skills to lighten their load. Please email Fr Frank at fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk if you can help.

Advance notice: Fr Ed O'Connell of the Columbans will visit and celebrate the Mass on Sun 2nd 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 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 Meal (and entertainment) - 28th Sept 2024
- Parish Quiz Night - 23rd Nov 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24th Nov 2024 (Youth Sunday)

Maggie Ellis: Maggie sends her best wishes to her friends and parishioners at BRG and would welcome visits from them. Although Fr Frank is taking Communion to her during the week, she would appreciate one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion taking it to her on Sundays.

June - the Month of the Sacred Heart: June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday 7th June. Great benefits are promised to those who practice this devotion. Also, during this month, we can seek to deepen our devotion to the love of God revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - a devotion encouraged by St Margaret Mary, whose relic rests in the altar at Blessed Robert Grissold church. We might even consider consecrating ourselves to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First meeting of the Banbury and Warwick Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC) – Weds 8 May 2024: Over 40 lay representatives and parish priests/ deacons met for the first meeting in Bicester. The minutes will appear on the Deanery website soon. Meanwhile, the main agenda item was around the grouping of the parishes into 5 possible clusters, known as Leamington, Rugby, Bicester & Banbury, Stratford and Kenilworth. It was agreed that the representatives of the parishes on the Deanery PC should meet with the parish priests before the next meeting on 19th September, to discuss the proposed clusters, recommend any improvements and share how parishes within the cluster can support each other in fulfilling the Diocesan Vision.

Deanery Pastoral Council Representative: I am grateful to Iain Butlin-Moran for taking on the responsibility of Deanery Representative of the Parish. Along with Fr Frank, he is responsible for conveying Parish concerns to the Deanery and for reporting back on Deanery meetings.

Could you be a seed of hope? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of **Environment Champions**. To celebrate Laudato Si week (19-26 May), please help us get as many parish/cluster/deanery Environment Champions as we can. Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, cluster or deanery, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation. For details, please see <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

Ripples of Hope As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee. CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well-known and much-loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author David Wells. The event will be held on **Saturday 8 June 2024** at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00am – 4.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi: 26 October -2 November 2024. For more information contact Mgr. McHugh at: co.ordinator.ethnic.chaplaincy@rcaob.org.uk/07812 110640 by 20th May 2024.

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](#)

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Anniversaries this week: Anne Storey, Linda Ruane, Rose Doyle, Mona Cambridge, Terry Brookes and Val Pugh.

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:	19 th May 9.30am	26 th May 9.30am
Day:	Solemnity of Pentecost	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Josie McEllroy (Intentions)	
Wardens:	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn	Aidir Parizzi
Readers:	Stefan Hunka	Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Carol Ann Grewcock & Maria
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Freddie Dunn
Counting:	Chris Mitchell & Anne Stewart	<i>Awaiting volunteers</i>
Music:	Björn Stinner	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	<i>Awaiting volunteers</i>	Monica Green
Altar Linen:	Madeleine Peat	Madeleine Peat
Children's Liturgy:	Chris & Roz Blewitt	Half Term – None this week

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.

Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk