

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

26th May 2024, Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

“Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of 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: *We are not to approach God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three Persons as a mathematical puzzle or a philosophical problem but, rather, as the Divine community of love whom we are called to know and enjoy for ever, for the one God, who has revealed Himself as Trinity, has made us for himself - to know and enjoy him forever. That is why, in and through sacred mysteries which we celebrate in the Eucharist, he gathers us to himself so that, by grace, we might share in the life and love of the Most Holy Trinity for ever.*

Response to the Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

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

Midweek Mass: Please note that there are no midweek masses at BRG or St Francis this week. Please go to the deanery website for details of Masses at other churches in the area: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Baptism: Please pray for Maria who was Baptised yesterday, 25th May at Blessed Robert Grissold. Please also pray for her Parents and Godparents.

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. **After Mass on June 16th there will be an opportunity to discuss roles with current rota organisers and to offer assistance.**

Advanced notice: Fr Ed O’Connell of the Columbans will visit and celebrate the Mass next Sunday 2nd June. The Parish have supported Fr Ed’s mission for many years and it will be good to catch up with news.

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.

Anniversaries this week: Michael Ruddy, Teresa Arikat and Hazel Taylor

Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting: Canon John would like to invite you all the Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting which will commence with Vespers at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, OX26 1UN, followed by a meeting in the St John Paul II Centre (next door to the church) on **Thursday, 27th June at 7pm**. His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Episcopal Vicar Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will report on the current parish visitations taking place in our Deanery.

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>

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

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@bopenworld.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@bopenworld.com

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	26 th May 9.30am Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity Father Frank	2 nd June 9.30am Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Father Frank
Wardens:	Aidir Parizzi	Godfrey Chesshire & Aidir Parizzi
Readers:	Nuala Fulham	Aidir Parizzi
Tea & Coffee:	Carol Ann Grewcock & Maria	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
Flowers:	Freddie Dunn	Freddie Dunn
Counting:	Vacancy – awaiting volunteer	Monica Green & Liz Selby
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Alter Linen:	Madeline Peat	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Half Term – None this week	Half Term – None this week

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908

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