

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

2nd June 2024, Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“This is my body. This is my blood”

The Pope’s Prayer Intention: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Fr Frank: *Today’s feast turns our thoughts to the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist, and one of the peculiarities of the Eucharistic feast is that we, the Church, become the Body of Christ through our partaking of Christ’s Body and the consequence of our assimilation to the Body of Christ is that, like Christ, we become spiritual food for the life of the world, to be broken, given away and consumed. The Eucharist makes the Church, by making the Church Eucharist.*

Response to the Psalm: The Cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord’s name.

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

Fr Ed O’Connell: We are delighted to welcome Fr Ed to celebrate Mass for us this Sunday. As you all know we have been supporting him over the last 24 years. Please join us after Mass for a coffee and Danish Pastries and hear about the developments of his work in Peru.

Retiring Collection for CAFOD Sudan Appeal: A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the CAFOD Emergency Sudan Crisis Appeal. £568.70 has been collected. Also £385 of this was gift-aided, which will add in another £96 (approx). This will take the total up to around £665. Thank you.

Tuesday Mass: midweek mass at BRG is now on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. The Mass Intention this week is for Noreen Bennett (RIP). It will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Francis: will follow a 7pm Mass this Thursday, instead of the usual 9am time. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 8.00pm. All welcome

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: will be celebrated at the 9.00am Mass on Friday 7th June at Saint Francis. All welcome.

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.

New translation of the lectionary: By Advent Sunday this year, all parishes must begin using a new translation of the readings at Mass. These are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESVCE). The new Lectionaries are not yet available, but the complete ESV-CE Bible is. If anyone would like to consider donating one of the four volumes we shall need for the church, they cost £175 each – please let Father Frank know, thank you.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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>

Anniversaries this week: Doris Carmody, Harold Perks, Alice Cuthbert, Audrey Coulson, Peter Abell, Christopher Hughes, Aisling Otooole, Richard Fulham, Frank Holden, Monica Griffith.

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:	2 nd June 9.30am	9 th June 9.30am
Day:	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:		Father Frank
Intention:	Father Frank	
Wardens:	Godfrey Chesshire & Aidir Parizzi	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd
Readers:	Aidir Parizzi	Andew Chesshire-Ramon
Tea & Coffee:	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Chesshire Family
Flowers:	Freddie Dunn	Ann Parker
Counting:	Monica Green & Liz Selby	Anisha & Cherise Mathias
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby
Alter Linen:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Half Term – None this week	Grainne & Anthony

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