

# *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**9<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"It is the end of Satan"*

**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:** *The Gospel of Christ is something so radically good and new that it can be difficult to accept - even by those who are closest to Jesus. The Gospel today tells us that Jesus' own relatives thought he was "out of his mind." And others accuse him of siding with Satan and with those who oppose God. They do not have "eyes to see" or "ears to hear" and so his message seems like foolishness or worse - like blasphemy against God - Such is their blindness and deafness to the true God who lives and speaks in Christ.*

**Response to the Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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

**Last week's Collection:** Loose plate £72.45, Envelopes £0, Standing Orders £374, Total £446.45

**Retiring Collection for Father Ed (Millenium Project):** £443.60. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**Second collection next week:** for the Day for Life

**Tuesday Mass:** midweek mass at BRG is now on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. This Tuesday is the Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle.

**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 at Saint Francis this week will follow the 7pm Mass on Thursday, instead of the usual time of 9am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 8.00pm.

**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.

**Confirmation Commitment Mass:** Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June there will be a 'Commitment Mass' for the young people of our parish who are currently preparing for Confirmation. Please pray for them as they deepen the understanding of their faith and prepare for this important Sacrament.

**Volunteer Sunday** – Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June we are holding an information session after mass (during coffee) about the various volunteering roles and rota vacancies within the parish. This is to provide information on what is involved with the various tasks with the aim of boosting volunteer numbers. When the rota's are full most roles involve helping only a handful of times a year. Only a few of the roles have a more significant commitment. We would encourage all to attend to explore opportunities to enable us to lighten the load off existing volunteers and fill the current vacancies.

**Parish Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 12th June - tea, coffee, scones and cake in abundance - everyone welcome.

**June - the Month of the Sacred Heart:** June is the month of the Sacred Heart. 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**General Election 2024** The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday, 4 July. At <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> you will find information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

**SVP and CAFOD:** working together in the run up to the General Election. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

**Urgently needed** – New Treasurer From the end of this month, Mike Fairbrother will be standing down as Treasurer. We therefore urgently require a new treasurer to step forward. The Parish cannot function without a treasurer. Full training and support will be given. Our thanks to Mike who has completed more than one stint in this role and has proven to be an invaluable member of our community.

**Anniversaries this week:** Norah Flynn, Mgr Bernard Robinson, Rev Timothy Cronin, Fr Frank Calderbank, Jackie Powell, Tony Bushell, Anne Keane, and Andy Hinchliffe.

**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

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am	16 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Visiting Priest
<b>Intention:</b>		
<b>Wardens:</b>	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd	Monica Green & Madeline Peat
<b>Readers:</b>	Andrew Chesshire-Ramon	Mike Fairbrother
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chesshire Family	Christina Plater & Helen Woods
<b>Flowers:</b>	Ann Parker	Ann Parker
<b>Counting:</b>	Anisha & Cherise Mathias	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire
<b>Music:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Grainne & Anthony	Chris and Roz

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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)