

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

16th June 2024, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all"

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: *In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling Parables of the Kingdom. The first declares that the growth of the Kingdom resembles the mysterious process of nature; so too the growth of the Kingdom is equally mysterious, as God's ways always are. A second parable, that of the Mustard Seed, stresses the enormous potential of the Kingdom in spite of its tiny beginning. A parable, from the Greek word meaning "laid alongside," can be seen as an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.*

Response to the Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £77.90, Envelopes £0, Standing Orders £374, Total £451.90

Second collection today for The Day for Life.

No weekday Masses this week as Fr Frank will be on his annual retreat. Please see the Deanery website for other weekday Masses taking place in the area: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

Confirmation Commitment Mass: Today is a 'Commitment Mass' for the young people of our parish who are currently preparing for Confirmation. We welcome our candidates together with their parents, families and friends as they make their commitment to their ongoing preparation for Confirmation later in the year. Please keep them in your prayers as they deepen the understanding of their faith and prepare for this important Sacrament.

Volunteer Sunday – After Mass today we are holding an information session (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 from the existing volunteering teams and fill the current vacancies.

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, 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.

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.

General Election 2024: Please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> where 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 Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

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)

Anniversaries this week: Marie Hession, Valerie Selby, Richard Fulham and Enid Clifford.

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:	16 th June 9.30am	23 rd June 9.30am
Day:	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Visiting Priest	Father Frank
Intention:	Confirmation Candidates	
Wardens:	Monica Green & Madeline Peat	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart
Readers:	Mike Fairbrother	David Green
Tea & Coffee:	Christina Plater & Helen Woods	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock/ Lynda Leigh
Flowers:	Ann Parker	Jean Henser
Counting:	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
Music:	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Vacancy (TBC)
Alter Linen:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	Chris and Roz Blewitt

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.

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