

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

23rd June 2024, Twelfth 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: *St Paul, in our second reading today, tells us that, "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here." St John in his Gospel puts it like this: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Those in Christ have been given the power to be children of God, because they have been re-born, created anew, born from above - born not by natural generation, nor by human choice, nor by man's decision, but of God. Such is the nature of our supernatural life in Christ - a life which is a light to the world. A life we need to nurture if we are to be effective in evangelisation and mission.*

Response to the Psalm: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate £80.90, Envelopes £0, Standing Orders £374, Total £454.90. Second Collection for The Day for Life £23.30

Second collection next week for Peter's Pence.

Weekday Mass BRG: Please note there is no midweek Mass this week at BRG.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will follow the 7pm Mass on Tuesdays at BRG every first Tuesday of the month and at St Francis after the 9am Mass on Thursdays each week. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction. 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 each Wednesday. All 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.

Volunteer Rota Vacancies – A huge thank you to those parishioners who put their names forwards for parish volunteering roles last Sunday. We still however have vacancies, including a new Treasurer, more people for the cleaning rota, volunteers for the Maintenance Committee and another editor for the rota for this weekly bulletin! There will therefore be a further opportunity after mass today for anyone who was away last week or has had further thoughts to put their names forward. Various rota co-ordinators will be available in the Narthex after mass during coffee for anyone wishing to find out more about these roles. Alternatively please contact Fr Frank at fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk Thank you for your support.

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) this **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.

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 to use your 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: Tony McAtamney and Dorothy Hodgkinson.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll and Martin Sheehy.

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:	23 rd June 9.30am	30 th June 9.30am
Day:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:		Nellie McCann (RIP)
Wardens:	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart	Dominic and Teresa Green
Readers:	David Green	Nuala Fulham
Tea & Coffee:	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock/ Lynda Leigh	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
Flowers:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Counting:	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe
Music:	Bjorn Stinner	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Claire and Charles Keane	John & Louise Perry
Alter Linen:	Jean Henser	Teresa Green
Children's Liturgy:	Chris and Roz Blewitt	Grainne & Anthony Scallan

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

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