

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

7th July 2024, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A prophet is only despised in his own country"

The Pope's Prayer Intention: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Fr Frank: *By referring to himself as a prophet in today's Gospel, Jesus identifies himself with the long line of Old Testament prophets who suffered rejection or violence because of the unpopularity of their message. The failure of the people of his home town to accept him and his message anticipates the more general rejection of those who will hand him over to be crucified: "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him."*

Response to the Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate/Envelopes £TBC, Standing Orders £374, Total £TBC. Second collection for Peter's Pence £TBC

Midweek Mass at BRG on Tuesday this week at 7pm

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Francis will follow the 9.00am Mass on Thursday each week. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 10.00am. 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.

Second collection next week for Apostleship of the Sea.

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. Many thanks to those who have responded to this call. If anyone is still interested, please email Fr Frank at fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk if you are able to help.

Urgently needed – New Treasurer. From the end of the 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.

Advanced notice and dates for diary to celebrate our 30th Anniversary as a Church

- The Archbishop has been invited to celebrate Mass during the year (date to be confirmed)
- Parish Quiz – 28th Sept 2024
- Parish Meal – 23rd Nov 2024
- Youth Sunday – Mass followed by a party for the children

Parish Coffee Morning: There will be no Parish Coffee morning this month, or next, due to summer holidays. We hope to be back to normal in September.

New Lectionaries: We are required to purchase new Lectionaries in time for Autumn this year. The new Lectionaries come as a four-volume set and cost £695. Donations towards the cost or the purchase of a volume for dedication to a loved one would be very welcome. Please see Fr Frank if you are interested in contributing to the cost in either of these ways. Thank you.

Banbury & Warwick Deanery. First meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting – Weds 8 May 2024: Over 40 lay representatives and parish priests/ deacons met for the first meeting in Bicester. The minutes are available on the Deanery website (address at the end of the newsletter). 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.

Anniversaries this week: Merlyn Foxen, Fr. Anthony Maguire, Audrey Quigley, Veronica Cooper, Mary McAuley and Sydney Burley.

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 note that Ellie Clarke is doing the bulletin this week. Please send all notices to Ellie by 7.00 pm on **Thursday** at iehclarke@btinternet.com

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

Date & Time:	7 th July 9.30am	14 th July 9.30am
Day:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:		Private intention (CM)
Wardens:	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn
Readers:	Chris Lynn	Cherise Mattias
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
Counting:	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins	Chris Lynn & Mike Fairbrother
Music:	Bjorn Stinner	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods	Chirs Mitchell & Eileen Selby
Alter Linen:	Teresa Green	Teresa Green
Children's Liturgy:	Chris and Roz Blewitt	Lynda Leigh and Louise Perry

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

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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