

## *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions"*

**The Pope's Prayer Intention:** We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**Fr Frank:** *Whilst people are often caught up with appearances, God looks on the heart. That's why when He began His preaching Jesus said: "Set your hearts first on the Kingdom of God." Like the Prophets of old Jesus calls for conversion of the heart rather than mere conformity to external standards and laws. This is not to say that the external customs and tradition of the Church are unimportant – far from it – The Christian faith is Incarnational. The Gospel of Christ is an affair of the heart that must be fleshed out in our daily life.*

**Response to the Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

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

**Last week's Collection:** Loose plate/Envelopes £82.91, Standing Orders £374, Total £456.91.

**Midweek Mass at BRG** on Tuesday this week at 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Intention: Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church.

**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.

**BRG Church 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (Parish Meal):** 2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of our Church. The first celebration will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September when we are planning a Parish Meal. It will be a Pork Supper with Entertainment! Bring your own drinks. The cost will be £10 adults, £5 for children. We will be collecting names and money after Mass on Sundays. Other planned events this year are:

- Mass with The Archbishop (date to be confirmed).
- Parish Quiz Night - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 (Youth Sunday)

**Celebration Mass for Fr Bernard McDermott's Golden Jubilee** is being held at St George & St Teresa Dorridge on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am. If anyone is interested in attending please give your name to Joe Martin for catering purposes.

**New Parish Clusters:** It has been recommended that Parishes form new clusters with neighbouring Churches in order to offer mutual support, encouragement and to pool the many strong resources we have of skills and abilities. BRG has been clustered with Dorridge. The Parish Council will meet to discuss this on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept after the 7.00pm Mass.

**March for Life 2024** Come and join the thousands walking in the annual UK March for Life in central London next Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Day-return coach trip, leaving St Dunstan's, Kings Heath (pick-up Institute Road) at 7.40am, and St Augustine's, Solihull (pick-up Herbert Road) at 8.00am returning for 7.30/45pm. Adults £25, Under 16's £12.50. Seats reserved on payment. Contact Brian Healy on mob: 07726311261.

**Malawi Appeal for help:** This is an unusual request! Many of you will know Clare Leyland from St Peter's Church. She helps co-ordinate a huge container of goods which is sent out to Malawi once a year. The shipment goes out on 20th September and they have asked specifically for teenage knickers, for teenage girls who often have to walk 4 or 5 miles to school without suitable underwear. I am away this weekend, but will be in church next Sunday, 8th September. If anyone would like to contribute, I will make sure Clare has them for 20th. Many thanks, Linda Chesshire.

**Anniversaries this week:** Connie Plater.

**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](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>	1 <sup>st</sup> September 9.30am	8 <sup>th</sup> September 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Twenty-Second First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Gerry Woods (RIP)	Geraldine Delaney (RIP)
<b>Wardens:</b>	Dominic & Teresa Green	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise Perry	Chris Lynn
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
<b>Flowers:</b>	Bridget Harrison	Bridget Harrison
<b>Counting:</b>	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Claire & Charles Keane	Louise Perry & Monica Green
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Anne Stewart	Anne Stewart
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	None during school holidays	TBC

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**Parish website: [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)**

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