

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

4th August 2024, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst”

The Pope’s Prayer Intention: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Fr Frank: *The journey to the God of life is not an easy task. We tend to get lost along the way and we are discouraged by the efforts we have to make. On their way to the promised land, the Jewish people turned against Moses - their difficulties made them yearn for a mediocre but familiar existence. Freedom frightened them, slavery being more familiar seemed more secure. This is the temptation of every believer and this is why Jesus says to his disciples: “Do not be afraid.”*

Response to the Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

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.

Midweek Mass: There is no weekday Mass this week whilst Fr Frank is on holiday. Please note that Thurs 15th August (Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Volunteer Rota Vacancies: A huge thank you to those parishioners who have put their names forwards for parish volunteering roles over recent weeks. We still do have some 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! For more information please contact Fr Frank at fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk

BRG Church 30th Anniversary Celebrations (Parish Meal): 2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the opening of our Church. The first celebration will be on Saturday 28th 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 - 23rd Nov 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24th Nov 2024 (Youth Sunday)

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 Tuesday 10th September after the 7.00pm Mass.

Save the Children ‘Café Jazz’: This is a fundraiser for Save the Children on Sunday 18th August 2-4pm at the Old Hall, Temple Balsall. All welcome to drop in for tea/coffee, cake and traditional jazz performed by ‘Jazz on Tap’. Tickets only £6 (£1 for children). Pay on the door or call 01676 533181.

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.

Parish Office: Please be aware that Sara’s hours will reduce and vary over the school summer holidays.

Martyrs' Walk There will be a walk in commemoration of the Warwick Martyrs: Blessed John Sugar, Blessed Robert Grissold and Blessed William Freeman leaving from St Mary Immaculate Catholic church, West Street, Warwick at 2.30pm on Sunday 18th August 2024.

March for Life 2024 Come and join the thousands walking in the annual UK March for Life in central London on Sat 7th September 2024. 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, Youngsters under 16 £12.50. Seats reserved on payment. Contact Brian Healy on mob: 07726311261

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sun 1st Sept 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass: 3.00pm. Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch.

Scam Alert: There is a warning out that fraudsters are currently targeting people who have been on tours to religious sites, with a scam pretending to be from the travel company and asking for donations, claiming they have fallen on hard times. If you are approached like this or have fallen victim to it please report to the police at Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk and report it to your bank.

Anniversaries this week: Rodney Crossley, Rodney Crossley, Adrian C. Belford and Sheela Burchill.

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:	4 th August 9.30am	11 th August 9.30am
Day:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Delia & Tom Murray (RIP)	
Wardens:	Christine Horner & Ann Dodd	Monica Green & Madeline Peat
Readers:	TBC	TBC
Tea & Coffee:	Cheshire Family	Christina Plater & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Anisha Mathias	Anisha Mathias
Counting:	Aidir Parizzi & Family	Monica Green & Liz Selby
Music:	Linda Cheshire	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Alter Linen:	Bridgit	Bridgit
Children's Liturgy:	None during school holidays	None during school holidays

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216.

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