

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

11th August 2024, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven"

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: *In today's Gospel Jesus is teaching us what he wants us to know concerning the Eucharist and he says things that his followers find hard to accept. Nevertheless, this is his teaching and he insists that he is the "bread of life," that "comes down from heaven," that "anyone who eats this bread will live for ever," and the "bread" he gives is his "flesh" which he gives "for the life of the world." And Christ's "flesh," his Body, is the "bread from heaven" we feed on in the Mass today.*

Response to the Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate/Envelopes £73.75, Standing Orders £374, Total £447.75.

Midweek Mass: There is no weekday Mass this week whilst Fr Frank is on holiday. Please note that this 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 next 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.

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 next Sunday 18th August 2024.

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

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.

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins next Sunday. The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation. In our Archdiocese his memory is held in special regard and each year we pray a Novena of Prayer asking God to grant a miracle of healing through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, which could further his cause for Canonisation. Please pray the Novena during the nine days from August 18 until August 26. It can be prayed in the parish or at home.

Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi: *O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us. Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.*

Anniversaries this week: Kay Bushell, Fr Dennis Manion, Pearl Carey, Victims of the Omagh Bombing, and Ron Lea.

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: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	11 th August 9.30am Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mgr Daniel McHugh	18 th August 9.30am Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Frank
Wardens:	Monica Green & Madeline Peat	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart
Readers:	Felicia Geppert	Andrew Chesshire-Ramon
Tea & Coffee:	Christina Plater & Helen Woods	A.Stewart & C-A Grewcock/ L. Leigh
Flowers:	Anisha Mathias	Kathy Jones
Counting:	Monica Green & Liz Selby	Anisha & Cherise Mathias
Music:	Instrumental Group	Bjorn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby
Alter Linen:	Bridgit	Bridgit
Children's Liturgy:	None during school holidays	None during school holidays

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