

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

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak”*

**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:** *St. James reminds us in our second reading today that we should not have a higher regard for those who are well-dressed and well-heeled. For him such an attitude is incompatible with faith in the one who washed the feet of his own disciples and who said: “Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your slave.” Discrimination against the poor, or partiality towards the wealthy, is seriously at odds with the teaching of Christ who, though equal with God, made himself poor so that we might be rich.*

**Response to the Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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

**Last week’s Collection:** Loose plate/Envelopes £66.90, Standing Orders £374, Total £440.90.

**Second collection** next Sunday for Catholic Evangelisation.

**Father Hudson’s Care Collection:** The Annual Parish collection for Father Hudson’s care will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This is a major fundraising event for the charity as the money raised goes to support their five themes: Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants.

**Midweek Mass at BRG** on Tuesday this week at 7pm followed by Parish Council meeting.

**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)

**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 after Mass this Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept after the 7pm Mass.

**Parish Coffee Morning:** The next Parish Coffee Morning will take place in the Narthex this Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am - tea, coffee, scones and cake in abundance - everyone welcome to join us.

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

**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 will be collecting donations after Mass today if anyone would like to contribute, and I will make sure Clare has them for the 20th. Many thanks, Linda Chesshire.

**Job Vacancy:** The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and experienced RICS Chartered General Practice Surveyor to join its Property Team. The key role of the Property Team is to provide advice and guidance for management of parish property, the school estate as well as manage all property held centrally by the Archdiocese. This is a permanent/full-time role. The application deadline is Wednesday 18 September. Please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs> for details.

**Anniversaries this week:** Amelia Scott, Geraldine Delaney, George Deeley, Joseph Arikat, Ken Selby and Mary Watson.

**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 note that Ellie Clarke is now taking over the bulletin editing from this week so please send all notices for the bulletin to Ellie by 7.00 pm on **Thursday** at [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com)

**This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> September 9.30am	15 <sup>th</sup> September 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	<b>Time</b> Father Frank	<b>Time</b> Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Geraldine Delaney (RIP)	Peter Doyle (RIP)
<b>Wardens:</b>	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn	Godfrey Chesshire/Aidir Parizzi
<b>Readers:</b>	Chris Lynn	Anisha Mattias
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd
<b>Flowers:</b>	Bridget Harrison	Pam Martin
<b>Counting:</b>	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins
<b>Music:</b>	Bjorn Stinner	Linda Chesshire
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Christina Plater	Christina Plater
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	TBC	TBC

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

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

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