

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

29th September 2024, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.”

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: *October is the month of the Rosary - a form of prayer which has been practiced and encouraged by saints and Popes down through the ages. More importantly, it is a prayer that has been urged by Our Blessed Lady herself. Mary appeared to St Dominic and instructed him to use the Rosary in combating heresy. In the apparitions in Lourdes in 1858, Our Lady appeared with the Rosary in her hand and recited it together with Bernadette. And in Fatima, in 1917, she appeared again holding the Rosary and encouraged the faithful to be diligent in praying the Rosary. It was at Fatima that Mary identified herself as “the Lady of the Rosary” and asked for the “Fatima prayer” to be said after each decade: “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.”*

Response to the Psalm: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

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

Last week’s Collection: Loose plate/Envelopes £75.65 Standing Orders £374, Total £4479.65. Second Collection for Father Hudson: £167.40.

Midweek Mass: There will be a Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold this Tuesday, the Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus at 7pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Benediction at 8pm.

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 30th Anniversary Celebrations: 2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the opening of our Church. We have a number of events planned; put these dates in your diary!

- Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate mass in our church on Sunday 3rd November
- Parish Quiz Night - 23rd November 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24th November 2024 (Youth Sunday)

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: This year’s Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October. Chris Lynn will share information at mass today and donation envelopes will be available. Please return your donations on Sunday 6th October, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Parish Coffee Morning: The next Parish Coffee Morning will take place in the Narthex on Wednesday October 9th at 10.30am - tea, coffee, scones and cake in abundance - everyone welcome to join us.

Save the Children events: Save the Children are holding two fundraising events in October – all welcome.

- Coffee morning on Tuesday 8th October from 10am onwards in the Jordan room at the back of Berkswell Church. There will be a card stall and jigsaws and books for sale.
- Quiz night on 26th October at 7.30pm at St Peter’s Church Hall. Tickets are £14 per person including a supper of jacket potatoes (with a choice of fillings). Teams of 6 people. Tickets available from Linda Chesshire - telephone 07974932386.

St Francis Patronal: All are welcome to attend the Patronal Mass at 7:00pm on Friday 4th October. There will be refreshments served after Mass.

National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: St. Marie's in Rugby will be welcoming The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco Marto on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th October, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome. Please see the noticeboard for details.

Anniversaries this week: Ella Chesshire, Helen Plater, John Peat, Nellie McCann, Aileen Driffield, Audrey O'Toole.

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 Ellie Clarke **by 7.00 pm on Thursday** at iehclarke@btinternet.com

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

Date & Time:	29 th September 9.30am	6 th October 9.30am
Day:	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Helen Plater (RIP)	Graham Jones (RIP)
Wardens:	Joe Martin & Chris Lynn	John & Louise Perry
Readers:	Cherise Mattias	Aidir Parizzi
Tea & Coffee:	Chesshire Family	Christina Plater & Helen Woods
Flowers:	Chris Mitchell	Chris Mitchell
Counting:	Winifred Dunn & Noreen Burgess	Bob & Kathy Jones
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Claire & Charles Keane
Altar Linen:	Christina Plater	Monica Green
Children's Liturgy:	Grainne & Anthony	Chris & Roz Blewitt

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

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

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