

***Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common***  
**20<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention:** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and laypeople.

**Fr Frank** *October is the month of the Rosary, and the Rosary is Trinitarian and Christ-centred, but it is also a Marian prayer. In the Rosary, we are happy to praise the mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the words of the Archangel Gabriel and her cousin Elizabeth: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.” And in the Rosary, we meditate and reflect on the important events in Our Lord’s life through the eyes of Mary. Another prayer that makes the Rosary Marian is the concluding prayer - the “Hail Holy Queen.” But the two most important prayers of the Rosary are the Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary. As St. Louis de Montfort said: “How could there possibly be any more pleasing prayers to Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin, or any that are easier, more precious or more helpful than these two prayers?”*

**Response to the Psalm:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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

**Last week’s Collection:** Loose plate/Envelopes 71.76, Standing Orders £374, Total £445.76.

**Second Collection today:** Today is World Mission Sunday – we can support the Church’s mission by contributing to Missio in today’s second collection.

**Midweek Mass:** Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold this Tuesday at 7pm.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** After 7pm Mass every **first** Tuesday of the month at BRG and at St Francis after 9am Mass each Thursday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction.

**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.

**CAFOD:** Again, an amazing collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day. We have collected £456.55 and of that, £300 has been gift aided. So, the total donation should come to £531.55! Thank you so much! *Chris Lynn.*

**Choir:** We have just started practising music for Christmas! If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, please speak to Ian Clarke or email [iehclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:iehclarke@btinternet.com) – no previous choir experience necessary!

**Book of Remembrance:** This will be updated ready for All Souls Day. If you would like a loved one to be added, please complete one of the forms and leave it in the back of the book.

**New Lectionaries:** Would all those who have made donations to offset the cost of the new Lectionaries please confirm with Fr Frank before 31 October in order that the dedicatory book plates may be allocated.

**Parish Quiz:** Our quiz night is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, for teams of up to 6 people. The cost is £10 per person, to include supper. Kathy Jones will be collecting names and payment after mass.

**BRG Church 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:** 2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Parish Quiz Night – **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Youth Sunday)

**Flower Rota:** The rota is being updated and more helpers are needed. It only involves a couple of times per year. Please see Pam Martin after Mass or call her on: **01676 534916.**

**Save the Children Quiz Night:** 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at St Peter’s Church Hall. Teams of 6 people. Tickets £14 per person (including jacket potato supper) available from Linda Chesshire - telephone 07974 932386.

**St Margaret Clitherow Pilgrimage:** On 26 & 27 October, including visits to the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, her relics at the Bar Convent and the place of her execution. All welcome. For information and itinerary please see <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

**Blessing of Graves at Oscott Cemetery:** Family and friends of those buried at Oscott Cemetery are invited to the Blessing of Graves on Saturday 2nd November at 3pm. Please see the noticeboard for further information or contact Alison Hutcheson at the Cemetery Office - 0121 321 5026 between 10am & 2pm.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** The dates for the annual pilgrimage from the Archdiocese of Birmingham to Lourdes dates been announced: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025**, More information available at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes).

**Anniversaries this week:** Jean Mitchell, Lily Hammond, Michael Kenny, Chris Pugh, Victoria Branson, James Woods, Catherine Moylan, Frank Britt.

**Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers:** Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll, Martin Sheehy and Freddie Dunn.

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 Ellie Clarke **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>	20 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am	27 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Maureen Bradley (intentions)	Jean & Peter Clarke (RIP)
<b>Wardens:</b>	John & Louise Perry	Lynda Leigh & Madeleine Peat
<b>Readers:</b>	Nigel Parker	Felicia Geppert
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
<b>Flowers:</b>	Pam Martin	Ann Parker
<b>Counting:</b>	Aidir Parizzi & family	Monica Green & Liz Selby
<b>Music:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Björn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods	Chris Mitchell & Elizabeth Selby
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Monica Green	Monica Green
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Grainne & Anthony	Half-term – no children's liturgy

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Monica Green. They can be contacted at: [sg.brg.balsallcommon@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.brg.balsallcommon@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

**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.

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

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: [www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)