

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

27th October 2024, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Master, let me see again.”

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 we have prayed a decade of the Rosary at each Mass during October as a gentle reminder, if it is needed, of the great riches that are to be had in this form of prayer. Padre Pio, the holy saint who received the stigmata, loved to pray the Rosary. He always kept his Rosary beads in his hand. Because he prayed it almost constantly, he was known as the ‘living Rosary.’ One day his superior asked him how many Rosaries he had prayed that day. Wanting to be respectful and honest with his superior he told him: “I have prayed thirty-four Rosaries today.” On another occasion a follower asked him to teach him a prayer that was most pleasing to our Blessed Lady. Without hesitation, he insisted that none is more beautiful or pleasing than the Rosary. And he further instructed him: “Always say the Rosary. The Rosary is a weapon in our hands.” Near the end of his life, he didn’t talk much and when people sought his advice or help, he would simply show them the Rosary. Let us follow St Pio’s example and always have our Rosary with us.*

Response to the Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

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

Last week’s Collection: TBC

Second Collection next week: There is a second collection next Sunday for the Johnson Association.

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.

Confirmations: Archbishop Bernard has kindly agreed to celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation here next Sunday at 9.30am. Please keep the candidates, their sponsors, their families and friends in your prayers.

Solemnity of All Saints: On Friday 1st November there will be a Mass at Saint Francis at 7.00pm for this Solemnity. All welcome. There will be no morning Mass on this day.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls): Mass at St Francis on Saturday 2nd November at 9.30am. There are envelopes for your prayer intentions and offerings at the back of the church; please print the names of your departed loved ones clearly on the front of the envelope. I will offer the Mass on All Souls Day for all named and there will be Masses for the Holy Souls in November and through the year.

Book of Remembrance: This will be updated ready for All Souls Day. If you would like a loved one to be added to the book and online, 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.

Choir: We are now practising music for Christmas! If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, please speak to Ian Clarke or email iehclarke@btinternet.com – no previous choir experience necessary.

Prayer Group: The prayer group is meeting every Thursday at BRG from 4pm for an hour. All are welcome.

Parish Quiz: Our quiz night is on Saturday 16th November, for teams of up to 6 people. £10 per person, including supper (bring your own drinks). Kathy Jones will be collecting names and payment after mass.

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 – Saturday 16th November
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24th November 2024 (Youth Sunday)

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.

New Encyclical: The Pope has issued his fourth encyclical, “Dilexit Nos” – He Loved Us. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has emphasised that the Letter is for all of us. For more information see www.cbcew.org.uk/new-encyclical-an-invitation-to-come-close-to-the-heart-of-jesus-says-cardinal/.

Anniversaries this week: Irene Hunka, Harold Jones, Steve Riley, Simon McGrath, Catherine McGovern, Craig Horner, Catherine Mailand, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Dorothy Artingstall.

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) 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:	27 th October 9.30am	3 rd November 9.30am
Day:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Jean & Peter Clarke (RIP)	Confirmation Candidates (intentions)
Wardens:	Lynda Leigh & Madeleine Peat	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart
Readers:	Felicia Geppert	Confirmation Candidates
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
Counting:	Monica Green & Liz Selby	Anisha & Cherise Mathias
Music:	Björn Stinner	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Elizabeth Selby	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham
Altar Linen:	Monica Green	Chris Lynn
Children’s Liturgy:	Half-term – no children’s liturgy	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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or 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

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk