

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common
3rd November 2024, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is the first commandment. The second is like it."

The Pope's Prayer Intention: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Fr Frank: *Through liturgy and worship, formation, evangelisation and social outreach, the Diocesan Vision calls us to work for the renewal of the Church. The then Cardinal Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI, insisted that, "The true celebration of the Sacred Liturgy is the centre of any renewal of the Church whatever." This is why the New Evangelisation must be founded on the faithful and fruitful celebration of the Sacred Liturgy as passed down and presented to us by the Church in her tradition. This is because it is in the Sacred Liturgy, especially in the Mass - the source and summit of the Church's life, that we encounter the saving action of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most profound way. Liturgy for us in the Church is not just a series of actions or rituals but an encounter with the living Christ who alone offers perfect worship to God and who draws all people to himself through the Sacrifice of the Cross made present in the Eucharist.*

Response to the Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate/Envelopes 65.35, Standing Orders £374, Total £439.35

Second Collection today: The second collection today is for the Johnson Association.

Welcome: We welcome Archbishop Bernard and Father Dominic. We are very grateful to His Grace for agreeing to minister to the Sacraments to us today.

Confirmation candidates: We pray for the confirmation candidates, their parents, families and friends, for their sponsors and catechists.

Midweek Mass: Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold this Tuesday 5th November at 7pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Benediction at 8pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 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.

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

Prayer Group: Our Prayer Group meets at BRG. each **Thursday** at **3pm** until 4pm Everyone is most welcome.

Remembrance Sunday: Next Sunday (10th November) is Remembrance Sunday, when we will remember and pray for the war dead of the Parish.

November is the month of Remembrance: There is still time to complete your requests for Masses to be offered for your deceased loved ones throughout the month of November and throughout this year in Masses for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

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.

Youth Sunday: We will be celebrating Youth Sunday at our 9.30am Mass on Sunday 24th November, followed by a party for the children. All are welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to join pilgrims from across the diocese on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The dates are Saturday 24 May – Friday 30 May 2025. Further information is 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: Members of the Ellis & Facchino families, Winnie Kelly, Kate McGovern, Tom Glynn, Herbert Bridge, Fr. Anthony Brisland, Lilian Carroll, Cathy Doolan, Eric Restall, Eleanor McGinn, James McGovern, Canon Patrick Smith.

Lately Dead: Keith Mercer, former Head Teacher of Saint Peter's Catholic School, Solihull

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:	3 rd November 9.30am	10 th November 9.30am
Day:	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Archbishop Bernard Longley	Father Frank
Intention:	Confirmation Candidates (intentions)	Lynn Cullinan (RIP)
Wardens:	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power
Readers:	Confirmation Candidates	Chris Blewitt
Tea & Coffee:	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Pam Martin
Counting:	Anisha & Cherise Mathias	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire
Music:	Instrumental Group	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Christina Plater & Nuala Fulham	Claire & Charles Keane
Altar Linen:	Chris Lynn	Chris Lynn
Children's Liturgy:	Half-term – no children's liturgy	Chris & Roz Blewitt

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.

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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