

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common
10th November 2024, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“This poor widow has put in more than all.”

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: *Today in the Gospel we hear the story of the “Widow’s Mite.” The mite was the tiniest coin in circulation. In the Temple the rich were giving from their loose change, but the widow, out of her extreme poverty, gave everything she had: two small coins. Although poor and in need of the few coppers she had, she never hesitated, never counted the cost. She gave everything to God. The widow became famous, not because she gave so little but because, in her extraordinary generosity, she gave so much.*

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: TBC.

Remembrance Sunday: Today is Remembrance Sunday, when we will remember and pray for the war dead of the Parish.

Midweek Mass: Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold at 7pm this Tuesday 12th November, the Memorial of St Josaphat. *Intention: Holy Souls.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: At St Francis after 9am Mass each Thursday and at BRG after Mass on the **first Tuesday** of each month. 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.

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 Coffee Morning: Our next Coffee Morning will take place in the Narthex on Wednesday 13th November at 10.30am - tea, coffee, scones, cake and conversation in abundance - everyone welcome.

Parish Quiz: Our parish quiz night is next Saturday 16th November, for teams of up to 6 people. The cost is only £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 and activities for the children. All are welcome.

Christmas Fayre: There will be a Christmas Fayre in our parish hall from 10.00am to 2.30pm on Saturday 30th November, in aid of Save the Children. Hand-crafted items, and other items suitable for presents, will be on sale. There will be refreshments, including home-made cakes. No charge for entry. If anyone would like to bake cakes to sell, or can help in any other way, please contact **Julia Greensall** on **07855 843 914**.

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.

Bill on Assisted Suicide: In early September 2024, when Parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. That call is renewed now, urgently, as on Friday, 29th November, the House of Commons will hear the Second Reading of a bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we ask you to contact your MP to voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a

simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. To contact your MP please visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat>.

Anniversaries this week: Jack Cambridge, Margaret Cunningham, Ann Greenwood, Jean Graves, Walter Foxen.

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

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:	10 th November 9.30am	17 th November 9.30am
Day:	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Lynn Cullinan (RIP)	Joseph & Margaret King
Wardens:	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power	Pat & Dave Thomas
Readers:	Ellie Clarke	Ian Clarke
Tea & Coffee:	Louise Perry & Ann Dodd	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell
Flowers:	Pam Martin	Linda Chesshire
Counting:	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
Music:	Linda Chesshire	Björn Stinner
Church Cleaning:	Claire & Charles Keane	Louise Perry & Monica Green
Altar Linen:	Chris Lynn	Chris Lynn
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	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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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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