

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common
17th November 2024, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He will gather his chosen from the four winds.”

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: *Faith in the God of love can bring great happiness and confidence for “perfect love casts out all fear.” The warnings about the end times in the Scriptures are meant to be a source of hope for us, not fear, for “Christ, by his death and resurrection, has achieved our sanctification.” All we need to do is to place our trust in Christ and so be able to make the words of today’s psalm our own: “You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence.”*

Response to the Psalm: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

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

Last week’s Collection: Loose plate/Envelopes 65.30, Standing Orders £374, Total £439.30.

Second Collection Next Week: There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Catholic Youth Services.

No Tuesday Mass: Please note there will be no Mass at BRG this Tuesday.

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: Please note there will be no study group at St Francis this week.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday: The theme this year is “Let’s talk about it”. It’s time to have open and honest conversations about what we got wrong and what we’re getting right. It’s an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel safe. We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8). Please join us in praying for all those who work to ensure our communities are safe for all.

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 Quiz: Thank you to everyone involved with the parish quiz, especially everyone who helped on the night or with preparation. Special thanks to our quizmaster, and to Kathy & Bob for organising it!

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. To contact your MP please visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASThreat>.

Job Vacancy: The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new CEO of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese. We are looking for an outstanding, dynamic, innovative and visionary Catholic servant leader to lead this new Trust of 63 schools by example and with wisdom. For further details, please see the Diocesan Education Service website: <https://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>. The closing date for applications is 25th November 2024.

Anniversaries this week: Martin Fitzgerald, those killed in the minibus crash from Hagley RC High School, Michael Cronin, Susan Hall, Gladys Holmes, Peggy Garnham, Jim Kiernan, Mary Reid, Mary Slattery, Teresa Gray, Sue Parkins.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll, Martin Sheehy 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 **email** 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:	17 th November 9.30am	24 th November 9.30am
Day:	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Joseph & Margaret King	
Wardens:	Pat & Dave Thomas	Dominic & Teresa Green
Readers:	Ian Clarke	Stefan Hunka
Tea & Coffee:	Selby Family & Chris Mitchell	Cheshire Family
Flowers:	Linda Cheshire	Linda Cheshire
Counting:	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe
Music:	Björn Stinner	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Altar Linen:	Chris Lynn	Chris Lynn
Children's Liturgy:	Chris & Roz Blewitt	Youth Mass – 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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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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