



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

26th January 2025, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled"

The Pope's Prayer Intention: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Fr Frank: *Can we trust the Gospel accounts of what Jesus said and did and of who he claimed to be? Luke, Gentile doctor, Christian convert and missionary companion to St Paul, seems to have no doubts. In the prologue to his Gospel he describes the received teaching as "well founded." and his confidence is in no small part due to the fact that the accounts of Jesus' life and mission which had been handed down, were the work of those who, from the outset, were "eyewitnesses." So we can reliably learn what Jesus said and did, and about who he claimed to be, by attending to the Gospels.*

Response to the Psalm: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

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

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

Second Collection: next Sunday for the LIFE charity.

Weekday mass: this week at Blessed Robert Grissold at 7pm. Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church, (Int: Carmel & Louis O'Grady).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will follow the 7pm Tuesday Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold every first Tuesday of the month, and at St Francis after the 9am Mass on Thursdays each week. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction. All welcome.

Next Sunday: is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, otherwise known as Candlemas.

Tony Cotterill (RIP): who many parishioners will remember from his attending BRG for many years, passed away just after Christmas. His funeral Mass is this Tuesday 28th January at 11am at Christ the King in Coventry, with the wake afterwards at the Church Social Club next door. Please remember Tony and his family and friends in your prayers.

Recently deceased - Isabel Cusack, parishioner of St George & St Teresa.

First Holy Communion: Any parents with children aged 7 or above wishing to make their First Holy Communion should contact either Father Frank, Chris Mitchell or Eileen Selby.

Father Hudsons have asked us to pass on their thanks for the many gifts (over 50) that were donated via the Christmas Giving Tree and which were distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Friends of the Holy Land: Thank you for all who donated to the collection at the Carol Service to the Friends of the Holy Land. The amount collected for this charity was £82.

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité: warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, 8th February 2025, at 4:30 pm, in St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. Special invitation is sent to all who have served in Lourdes, and schools, students, and Pilgrims planning to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage in May 2025. Refreshments will be served after Mass. For more information, please contact treas.hosp.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24th 30th May 2025: In this Year of Jubilee, Archbishop Bernard invites all to join in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims. To lodge and expression of interest or obtain more information visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com.

Anniversaries this week: Marion Jones, Anne Marie Bossy, Vincent Webb and Mick Webb.

Parish Office: Sara's normal parish office hours are Wednesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll, Joan McLean and Jim Flynn. 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 David Green by 7.00 pm on Thursday at david.monica@btopenworld.com

This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG

Date & Time:	26 th January 9.30am	2 nd February 9.30am
Day:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feast of the Presentation of The Lord
Celebrant:	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
Intention:	Martin Sheehy (RIP)	Martin Sheehy (RIP)
Wardens:	Dominic and Teresa Green	Joe Martin and Chris Lynn
Readers:	Cherise Mattias	Aidir Parizzi
Tea & Coffee:	Christina Plater & Helen Woods	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock/ Lynda Leigh
Flowers:	Ann Parker	Jean Henser
Counting:	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
Music:	Björn Stinner	Linda Chessshire
Church Cleaning:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods
Altar Linen:	Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	Grainne & Anthony Breen

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. She 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