



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

2nd February 2025, Feast of the Presentation of The Lord

"My eyes have seen your salvation"

The Pope's Prayer Intention: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Fr Frank: *Mary the Mother of Jesus lovingly and willingly united herself to her Son's sacrifice on the Cross, sharing in his self-giving for our salvation and redemption. That is why several Popes have called Mary Co-Redemptrix. Mary teaches us to have faith. If our faith is weak, we should turn to Mary. Jesus dying on the Cross bequeaths his mother to all mankind and especially to all his disciples.*

Response to the Psalm: The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!

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

Last week's Collection: Loose plate/Envelopes £93, Standing Orders £374, Total £467.

Second Collection today for the LIFE charity. Donations will help to provide funding that enables direct housing provision for up to 90 expectant women at any one time; a free and accessible helpline (via phone, text, email, or in person) with the option of emotional support through a counselling and skilled listening service; the availability of posted pregnancy tests; and the distribution of baby supplies. Life's wrap around approach empowers all its clients to choose life for their baby. Last year over 22,000 women received assistance, which meant that they could face pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekday mass: this week at Blessed Robert Grissold at 7pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. (Int: Becky Hulme (RIP)).

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.

Baptism of Anya Grace Pointer, Sunday 9th February at 1pm: Please pray for Anya, her parents, godparents, family and friends.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 11th February after the 7.00pm Mass. Please forward to Fr Frank suggested items for the agenda.

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 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Anniversaries this week: Nicholas Dodd, Mary Chesshire, Becky Hulme, Val Burgess, Tommy Kelly, Derek Bubb, and Mollie Lea.

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:	2 nd February 9.30am	9 th February 9.30am
Day:	Feast of the Presentation of The Lord	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
Intention:	Martin Sheehy (RIP)	Tony Cotterill (RIP)
Wardens:	Joe Martin and Chris Lynn	John & Louise Perry
Reader:	Aidir Parizzi	Dominic Green
Tea & Coffee:	Anne Stewart & Carol Ann Grewcock/ Lynda Leigh	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler
Flowers:	Jean Henser	Jean Henser
Counting:	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe
Music:	Linda Chessshire	Instrumental Group
Church Cleaning:	Chris Lynn & Helen Woods	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby
Altar Linen:	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	Grainne & Anthony Breen	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry

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