



## **Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"They left everything and followed him"*

**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:** *After the miraculous catch of fish, which we hear about in the Gospel today, Peter realised, as never before, his own sinfulness and the holiness of Jesus. He asked Jesus to depart from him but Christ showed him that his sins and weaknesses would not prevent him from sharing in his work. While our sinfulness humbles us we should not let it get us down or make us feel that we do not belong to the company of Christ. Christ came to "call sinners." He is known as the "friend of sinners" - he comes to help us to overcome our sins. That is why, with confidence, we can come before him in the Mass to confess our sins.*

**Todays Readings and responses:** Today's readings and responses are on Pages 135-138 of the Parish Mass Book. Today's Responsorial Psalm: *In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.*

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

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

**Weekday mass:** this week at Blessed Robert Grissold at 7pm. Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Intention: Eva Nicholls (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:** Today 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** this Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February after the 7.00pm Mass. Please forward to Fr Frank suggested items for the agenda.

**Coffee Morning:** The next parish coffee morning will take place at 10.30 am this Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February, in the Parish Room. Join us for tea, coffee, scones, cakes and good conversation in abundance! All welcome.

**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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year)

**Snowdrop Sunday, today at Temple Balsall:** Today from 2-5pm at St. Mary's, Temple Balsall there is an opportunity to visit the churchyard, gardens and adjoining woods abundant with wild snowdrops. Homemade teas between 2-4pm. Free entrance, donations welcome.

**Churches Together Lenten Talks 2025:** Saturdays during Lent from 8:45-10am, with refreshments. Venue: Methodist Church, Station Road. This year's subject is the Council of Nicaea. All welcome. Dates and organisers: 8<sup>th</sup> March (Methodist Church), 15<sup>th</sup> March (St Peters), 22<sup>nd</sup> March (St Marys Temple Balsall), 29<sup>th</sup> March (St John the Baptist Berkswell), Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Blessed Robert Grissold). Donations welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes)

**Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com).

**Anniversaries this week:** Joan Applin, John O'Reagan, Aidir Parizzi (Snr), Lawrence (Larry) O'Toole, Edward Sheehan and Eileen Innes.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)

**This Week's Sunday Mass and Rota Arrangements at Blessed Robert Grissold**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30am	16 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	<b>Tony Cotterill (RIP)</b>	<b>The deceased members of the Slattery Family (RIP)</b>
<b>Wardens:</b>	John & Louise Perry	Godfery Chesshire/ Aidir Parizze/LyndaLeigh
<b>Reader:</b>	Dominic Green	Nigel Parker
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
<b>Flowers:</b>	Jean Henser	Anisha Mathias
<b>Counting:</b>	Nuala Fulham & Mary Sharpe	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins
<b>Music:</b>	Instrumental Group	Björn Stinner
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Lynda Leigh & Louise Perry	None this week (Half Term)

*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](mailto:sg.brg.balsallcommon@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

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**Parish website: [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)**

Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery website: [www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)