



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

16th August 2026 – Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

"He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate"

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Fr. Frank: *The saints are our models of Christian life. This is especially true of the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the place she occupies in the history of salvation. Mary, our Lady of the Assumption, is the perfect Christian and as such she is the model for the whole Church. She can be seen as the Church in miniature. She shows us that we must be dedicated completely to Christ as she was, that we must be willing to suffer with him, as she did. And she also shows us that loyalty to Christ guarantees immortality, body as well as soul in complete happiness in heaven.*

Today's Readings and Responses: see pages 178-181 of the Parish Mass Book.

Collections: Last week's loose plate/Envelopes collection was £82.83. Total Standing Orders for month of June were **£2,412.50**.

Fr Frank's summer break – Father will be taking a break between Tuesday 18th August and Tuesday 25th August. He has ensured there is cover for the Masses at the weekend, but there will be no Masses through the week next week and the week after.

Discussions and reflections on the Faith – Father Frank plans to run a course on one evening in the week at Blessed Robert Grissold starting around the end of October. If anyone is interested in exploring the Catholic faith especially with a view to being received into full communion, this course would be helpful. All welcome.

Notice from Fr Frank: As some of you will already know it was announced last weekend that I will be leaving St Francis in September. I am pleased to say that I will be continuing my priestly ministry at Balsall Common.

Prayer Group – Please note that our weekly Prayer Group will NOT be meeting throughout August. It will resume on Thursday 10th September.

Churches Together Coffee Morning - As part of Churches Together Balsall & Berkswell (CTBB), we will be hosting the coffee morning on Sat 5th Sept from 10-12 am. If you are available to help, making cakes, setting up, serving tea, coffee, cakes and clearing up, please see Louise or John Perry. Everyone welcome.

Relic of St Francis of Assisi – During this year of St Francis, a Relic of St Francis will be available for veneration at St Francis, Baddesley Clinton, after the Masses on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 11am.

Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and St Francis – This Cell meets at St Francis on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm to pray Vespers and Compline with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, evening payer, the rosary with meditations finishing with Benediction around 8pm. This is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life by participating in the prayer of the Church. During this year celebrating St Francis, there will also be an opportunity at these meetings to venerate the Relic of the Seraphic Saint. All Welcome.

Knitted Prayer Cloths - There are some small, knitted prayers at the back of the church, that have been knitted by a member of our congregation, it has a blessing for you in every stitch, The church hopes you can find comfort in using these whenever you feel the need. There is no charge but if you wish to donate it would be welcomed.

Secretary Contact Email – For anything to do with Administration, Finances, Bulletins, and all other queries, please contact our Secretary directly on brg.balsallcommon@rcaob.org.uk

Anniversaries this week: Ron Lea, Monsignor Bernard Manion, Diana Turner, Shirley Thomas, Rosaline Stretton, Mariam Joseph, Norman Tatum, Osmund Hayhurst, Betty Commins, Jean Jaques Viset and Ellen Bridge.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Joan McLean, Edward Thomas, Hope Smith, Diane Ellis, Godfrey Chesshire and Fr. Pat Sayles.

*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.*

Please email **Notices for the Bulletin** to **David Green** by **7.00 pm on Thursday** at david.monica@btopenworld.com

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

Date & Time: Day: Celebrant: Intention:	16 th August 9.30am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fr. Frank Eileen Hughes (RIP)	23 rd August 9.30am Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time TBC Vincent McCardle (RIP)
Wardens:	Nuala Fulham & Anne Stewart	Eileen Selby & Christine Mitchell
Reader:	Mike Fairbrother	Ian Clarke
Tea & Coffee:	Christina Plater, Helen Woods & Maria Pulley	Anne Stewart, Carol Ann Grewcock & Lynda Leigh
Flowers:	Ann Parker	Jean Henser
Counting:	Monica Green & Liz Selby	Anisha & Cherise Mathias
Music:	Instrumental group	Carmel Burke
Church Cleaning:	C. Plater, C. Grewcock & N. Fulham	Claire Keane & Sarah Wick
Altar Linen:	Ann Parker	Ann Parker
Children's Liturgy:	None during School Holidays	None during School Holidays
Weekday Masses:	None this week	

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. Monica 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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