

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am

12th September 2021 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for September: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle – We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Fr. Frank: *“Who do people say I am?” - This is the question posed to his disciples by Jesus in today’s Gospel. But more important is the question he poses to Peter: “But you, who do you say I am?” for this is a question posed to all of us too. So who is Jesus for us? Is he just a fine example of what it means to be a thoroughly decent human being or is there more to him than that? Is he, in fact, divine, the Son of God, the Second Person of God, the Most Holy Trinity made flesh? How we answer this question will determine how we respond to him and his message. It will deeply affect the way we live our lives, for if we truly believe that he is the Messiah and Son of God then why wouldn’t we make every effort to get to know him and his will for us and strive to live accordingly?*

Weekday Masses: here will be a Tuesday morning Mass at BRG this week at 10.00am and there will be a Mass at 9.00am on Thursdays at St Francis, Baddesley Clinton. This arrangement assumes that the usual precautions and cleaning regime can be put in place.

Baptisms: Those who had to postpone Baptism as a result of the pandemic should contact Fr Frank if they are ready for the Baptism to proceed.

A Summary of the Guidance from the Bishop’s Conference concerning Step 4 of the Government’s Covid-19 roadmap which came into effect on Monday 19th July.

At this stage it is important for us all to remember that although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches.

The guidance seeks to ensure there remains a cautious approach that encourages the continuation of social distancing, mask wearing and cleaning regimes in order to help to minimise risk and provide comfort and confidence to our people.

Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. General cleaning should be to a high standard with special attention to frequent touch points.

Buildings should be well ventilated and as long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes or by other means of attendee identification.

In the light of the Bishop’s Guidance and the Government’s call for caution and with a care for the most vulnerable among us, I propose that we should continue in much the same way as we have been until the advice from the Archdiocese changes. This will help to protect the vulnerable among us and it will also give confidence to people who are hesitant about attending Mass. Please see below the restrictions which remain in place for the time being.

Thanks to all the volunteers who are making Mass possible. There are a limited number of seats available due to the continued need for distancing. A booking system will be introduced if it proves necessary but until then the seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

100 Club: We are grateful for the years of service Chris Burleigh has given to the parish as co-ordinator of the 100 Club. His changing circumstances mean we need someone to take over from him. The 100 Club is a fun way of raising a significant amount of money each year for the Parish. Every assistance and support will be given to anyone who can take on this responsibility. Please contact Fr Frank if you are interested.

Save the Children Sponsored Bike Ride: Many thanks to those who kindly donated to my recent 25 mile bike ride which has raised £400. *John Perry*

Churches Together Balsall & Berkswell - Coffee Together: Churches Together will be restarting their “Coffee Together” mornings from 2nd October. These are held at the Jubilee Centre from 10:30 – 12:00, and for the price of £2.00 you can enjoy coffee, a wrapped biscuit and a chat with friends old and new. All are welcome.

October’s Coffee Together will be hosted by St Peter’s Church; John and Louise Perry will be asking for volunteers to help when it is our church’s turn to host (date to be confirmed but probably in the New Year).

Hiring of the Parish Room: If you are interested in hiring the hall for an upcoming event or a regular hire, please contact **Terry Biles** on **07806 809510** or email T.biles@btinternet.com

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers.

Margaret Collins, Martin Dunn, Desmond Orr, Patricia Tatum (sister of Linda Chesshire).

If you would like someone to be named on our list of those who are sick, please contact David Green (david.monica@btinternet.com) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our website.

Anniversaries: George Deeley, Joseph Arikat, Ken Selby, Mary Watson, John V. Bowen, Tony McDonald.

Solemnities, Feast Days, Memorials and Masses for this week

Sun 12 Sep 9:30am **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Intention: Dominic Nguyen (RIP)

Mon 13 **Memorial of St John Chrysostom**

Tue 14 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

10:00 Mass at BRG, Balsall Common

Intention: Freda Stephens (RIP)

Wed 15 **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

Thu 9 **Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian**

09:00 Mass at St Francis, Baddesley Clinton

Intention: Fr. Thomas Williams

Sun 12 Sep 9:30am **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Intention: James Reilly (RIP)

Rota Arrangements for Sunday Mass

Date & Time:	Sunday 12 September – 9.30 am	Sunday 19 September – 9.30 am
Day:	24th in Ordinary Time	25th in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Dominic Nguyen (RIP)	James Reilly (RIP)
Wardens:	Madeleine and John Peat, Mike Fairbrother	Monica and David Green, Nuala Fulham
Eucharistic Minister:	John McLellan	Stefan Hunka
Flowers:	Kathy Jones	Kathy Jones

Please note that there is a 6.00 pm Mass on Saturdays and an 11.00 am Mass on Sundays at St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

Items for Weekly Bulletin: Please send items for the bulletin to Ellie Clarke: iehclarke@btinternet.com by 7.00pm on Friday.

Masses at Blessed Robert Grissold in a time of Covid-19

Guidance for Parishioners

- + Attendees to wear a mask to protect themselves and others
- + Remain 2 metres apart
- + Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the Church
- + Follow the signs
- + Always follow the stewards' instructions

Holy Communion

- + All responses during the Mass to be whispered
- + The Host to be received in silence, on outstretched hand.
- + Masks to be worn to receive the Host

During Mass there will be no:

- + Children's liturgy
- + Offertory procession
- + Sign of peace
- + Parish missals, missalettes or hymn books
- + Congregational singing
- + Passing of collection bags

Please stay at home if...

- + You are feeling ill or show any symptoms
- + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid-19
- + You have a sick family member at home
- + You have come into contact with someone who is infected

Those attending Mass will be asked to supply contact details for track and trace.

Please Note:

- + In the first instance, attendance will be on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Once capacity has been reached the stewards will prevent entry.
- + Wrap up warm if necessary - doors will be left open to increase ventilation wherever possible.

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk

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Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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