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6 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 10 th February	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Mary Pritchard RIP
Sunday 11 th February	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Mary & Tommy Rochford RIP People of the parish
Monday 12th Feria	12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Gerry Kierans	
Tuesday 13th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Colette Hughes RIP
ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00pm	Holy Mass with the Imposition of Ashes	Eileen Murphy (Return to health)
Thursday 15th Lenten Feria		No Mass	
Friday 16th Lenten Feria	9.15am 6.00pm	Holy Mass (with Primary School) Stations of the Cross	Mgr Mark Crisp
1 st SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 17 th February	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Maggie Morris RIP
Sunday 18 th February	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	People of the parish Thomas Barbe RIP

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass

The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated every Saturday 4.30-4.45pm or after each weekday Mass or by appointment.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer, we serve by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. Most importantly it is time for a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. On top of giving things up, why not also use Lent to find new opportunities to pray. Perhaps consider, if you can, attending the weekly adoration, the stations of the cross or at least one daily mass a week.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mere dust and that our very existence relies on God. It is a day that calls us to deeper dependence on God as we acknowledge our sinfulness and seek God's mercy. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 7pm Mass.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday is one of two yearly days of obligatory fasting and abstinence for us Catholics, along with Good Friday. Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two collations may also be taken. The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 – 59. The rule of abstinence applies specifically to meat. (By the way, if you were hoping to celebrate Valentines wining and dining why not woo your loved one on Shrove Tuesday instead and celebrate it as a vigil of St Valentine?)

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 6pm.

Walk with Me – Copies of the daily reflections & calendars are available for you to take away. They are free but you're welcome to leave a donation towards the cost (please put it in the 'Newspapers' money slot).

Easter Raffle – We are hoping that the Raffle tickets will be available from the end of February. In the meantime could we please ask for your kind donations of chocolates, wines & spirits for the prizes? Thank you!

Stewards – We are looking for more stewards especially at the 11am Mass. Please speak to Fr Tomas or Margaret Parry if you're interested.

Month of Prayer for Vocations – During February we will also pray the **diocesan prayer for vocations** after each Sunday Mass. Likewise you are most welcome to join the **WhatsApp Prayer Group for Vocations**. If interested please email: deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk with your name and number (you must be 18 or over for safeguarding purposes).

Finally there is a series of online vocation events **“Listening to God’s Call”** on Tuesday evenings at 7pm: 20th Feb: Consecrated Life, 27th Feb: Marriage & Single Life, 5th March: Priesthood & Diaconate. Everyone is welcome to join the sessions. The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxemTzmzdH7lJSld.1> (Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202, Passcode: 218505). **There will also be two special Masses for Vocations:** Wednesday 7th February at 2pm at St Michael’s, Coalway Rd, Wolverhampton and Thursday 22nd February at 5pm at St Joseph’s, Willenhall Rd, Wolverhampton.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.
Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Men’s Lenten Rosary in the City – Saturday 17th February 12 noon at Victoria Square. Catholic men are invited to make a public witness to their faith, pray for the conversion of the City and for the protection of family life. Further details can be found in the porch.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools – If your children are not in Catholic schools, or, for whatever reason, have missed the their First Holy, please speak to Fr Tomas.

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

Interested in being Catholic? – If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic or know of someone who is please speak to Fr Tomas. We would be glad to accompany you on your journey of faith.

If you are going into hospital, please contact Fr Tomas in order to receive the sacrament of the Sick before you go. When you are admitted to the hospital, you will have to explicitly ask for the catholic chaplain to be informed you are there.

If you know of a parishioner with a serious/long-term illness or who is dying, please let Fr Tomas know so that he can get in touch and arrange a visit.

Food Bank – There is a basket at the back of the church where you can leave non-perishable items that will then be given to The Well, our local Food Bank.

Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Collette Hughes, Gerry Kierans, Fr Sandy Brown, Fr Paul Lomas and Fr Christopher Greaney.

Please pray for the sick, especially Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker and Bernard Boyes.

COLLECTION

Weekend of 4th February 2024

Loose:	Brewood	Penkridge
	£86.06	£40.20
Gift Aid	£78.00	

TOTAL: £204.26

**The total gift Aid S/O for January was £1,067.00
(weekly average £266.75)**

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