



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> )			
<b>Saturday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Emmie Venables RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge)	Frank Birch (Birthday)
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	People of the parish
<i>After Mass – Blessing of graves in our churchyard</i>			
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Peter James Carroll RIP
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> Requiem for Holy Souls	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Michael Lambe RIP
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Feria		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	5.00pm	<u>Adoration and</u> <u>Benediction</u>	Gertrude Ishbel Villiers RIP
	6.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Requiem for Holy Souls	9.15am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Cunningham & Watson families
33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time			
<b>Saturday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Jim Perry & Irene Lowe RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge)	Hugh Canning RIP
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	

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

Today churches all around our country mark **Remembrance Sunday** as we not only remember the sacrifice of fallen in the two World Wars and other conflict but also, even more importantly, as we pray for the repose of the souls. At 11am, just before the Requiem Mass, we shall hold the traditional 2 minute silence. After the Mass please gather outside for a short memorial service after which I will go to individual graves to bless them.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## PARISH NEWS



**Wine and Cheese Night** – All are invited to an evening of wine, cheese and fraternity on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15pm. **Tickets are now on sale at the back of the church both in Brewood and Penkridge. The price is £12** a ticket which includes your first glass of wine, bread, selection of cheeses, grapes, pate and more.



**Grand Christmas Raffle** – This will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after the 11am Mass with the first prize being Fr Tomas' Luxury Hamper. Mulled wine and hot pork baps will be served in the hall. We would be grateful if you could donate prizes as soon as possible (bottles of wine and spirits to make up hamper prizes, luxury Christmas items and also any little Christmas hampers with Christmas gifts. We

would also be grateful for any vouchers that could be added to Raffle). **The Raffle tickets are now available.**

**Christmas Cards** - We now have a selection of Christmas cards Advent Calendars, diary's & small Nativity figures for sale. Please support your parish and buy your Christmas cards etc from us. Teresa Blunn is looking after the stall at the Vigil Mass and Jan Fergusson at the 11am Mass. If there is something you would like, please speak to either of them and we should be able to source it.

**Mass for the Bereaved** - Our November Mass for the bereaved will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. It will be offered for those in our November Remembrance Book and also for those whose funerals have been celebrated in our church in the last two years. Please invite to anyone who may find comfort and strength in this Mass.

**Social Committee Meeting** – Our next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm to plan the Christmas Raffle etc.

**Reception of Holy Communion** – The way in which we receive the Blessed Eucharist should speak eloquently of our faith in the real presence of Our Lord – the most precious of gifts. Occasionally, people are receiving the Sacred Host and then taking the Host away with them to receive elsewhere. This is not permitted. Please ensure, if you receive Holy Communion in the hand, that you consume the host in front of the priest before moving away. For those holding little children in their arms or walking aids, it might well be easier and more reverent to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. Thank you!

### OTHER PARISH ITEMS

**Booking Masses** – If you would like to book a Mass please use the Mass Booking envelopes at the back of the church. We now have plenty of new ones.

**Parish Finances** – A big thank you to everyone for supporting your parish financially by your generous contributions. Just to remind you, there are three options of giving – Direct Debit, Planned Giving envelopes and Sunday Collections. Out of these Direct Debit is the easiest and the best option for the parish. If you're a taxpayer please also consider signing up to the **Gift Aid** scheme. Gift Aiding your contributions makes a huge difference to parish income at no extra expense to you. Every pound you contribute to the parish enables us to claim of 25p back. This makes an incredible difference. Please take the information handout at the back from the archdiocese for more information.

**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 sick**, especially Adam Dent, Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Maggie Morris, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes and Gerald Kierans.

### COLLECTION Weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkridge</b>
	£137.65	£72.00

<b>Gift Aid</b>	£123.00
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**TOTAL: £332.65**

**The second collection taken last weekend for the Johnson Fund raised £176.45. Thank you.**

**The total Gift Aid S/O for October was £1067.00  
(weekly average £213.40)**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Colette Hughes. She can be contacted at [sg.stmary.brewood@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brewood@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 concern.