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7 th SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 11 th May	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sunday 12 th May	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Peter John Law RIP
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	David Pritchard RIP
Monday 13th Our Lady of Fatima	9.00am	Holy Mass	John Crowther RIP
Tuesday 14th St Matthias, Apostle	9.00am	Holy Mass	Sandra Ruddy RIP
Wednesday 15th Easter Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 16th Easter Feria	5.00pm	<u>Adoration and</u> <u>Benediction</u>	
	6.00pm	Holy Mass (Latin)	Luce Heffner RIP
Friday 17th Our Lady (Votive)	9.15am	Holy Mass (with Primary School)	Patrick McCourt RIP
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST			
Saturday 18 th May	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	James O'Mara RIP
Sunday 19 th May	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Michael Marren RIP
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	People of the parish

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

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

Today is a bit of an in-between Sunday! Last Thursday we celebrated the wonderful feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and, after Jesus is parted from their sight, the apostles and disciples return to Jerusalem to await the gift Jesus had promised – the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these days of waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit the Apostles spent the time at prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This was the first ever novena, and is where the tradition of nine days of prayer – a novena – comes from. Let us permeate these days of waiting by praying each day the following Novena to the Holy Spirit. Please offer this prayer for the renewal of faith in our families and the growth of our parish at this time.

Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord.

This Week's Second Collection – As today is World Communication Day the money raised will support the effort of the Catholic Church in England and Wales in her mission of evangelisation.

Visit to Farms – Please join us this Sunday to celebrate Rogationtide by joining Christians Together in visiting one or two local farms for prayers. We meet at 1.30pm at the Middle School Car Park to share lifts (leaving 1.45pm) Then to Engleton Hall Farm (on Claygates Road towards A5). Talk and prayers. Sandwiches, cake and drinks will offered. 2.30 - 2.45pm approx we leave for Brewood Park Farm. Back at Middle School by 3.30 - 4.00pm.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Our recently formed SVP is looking for new members to help us grow and develop so that we can provide a meaningful service to our local community. If you feel you want to be a part of this group, our next meeting is on Thursday 30th May at 7pm in the parish hall. Please contact Collette Murphy on 07711887364 for further info or just turn up on 30th. You can be assured of a warm welcome. A member of our SVP will speak at all the Masses soon.

Latin Mass – The next monthly Latin Mass will be this Thursday 16th May. After that it will again revert to first Thursday of the month.

First Holy Communion – The next meeting with parents will be this Tuesday 14th May at 5pm at St Mary's Catholic School. Please come to the main entrance of the school and someone will let you in.

Easter Duties – Easter is a graced season when we should receive the Blessed Eucharist. As Catholics we have a duty to receive the Lord at least once each year. It is also important to remind ourselves that, in order to be able to receive, we need to be properly disposed – that is free of any grave sin. The most important way to prepare for receiving Holy Communion is therefore by coming to the Sacrament of Confession.

Mass Intentions – The Mass is the greatest prayer because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father, making present the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. It is a longstanding tradition in the Church that a Priest may be requested to offer a Mass for a specific intention, even if you can't physically be present at that Mass. You can ask for mass to be offered for the Repose of the Soul of the deceased, in thanksgiving, for the sick or any other good intention. If you would like to have a mass offered for your intention, please use one of the mass intention envelopes available at the back of church. It is customary to offer a donation (typically about £10) for the priest who offers mass for your intention. Envelopes can either be handed to the priest or put into the presbytery letterbox.

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.

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

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.

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.

<u>Collection</u>		
<u>Weekend of the 5th May 2024</u>		
Loose:	Brewood	Penkridge
	£154.70	£37.70
Gift Aid:	£78.00	
	Total: £270.40	
The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for April were £1,015.00 (average weekly total £253.75)		

Please pray for the sick, especially Susan McLuckie, Maggie Morris, Tony Horton, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes and Gerald Kierans and those who bear their illness in private.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.