ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 12th September	4.30 – 4.45pm **5.00pm**	Confessions **Sunday Vigil Mass**	John Murphy
Sunday 13th September	**9.00am** **11.00am**	**Sunday Mass** (St Michael's, Penkridge) **Sunday Mass**	BernadetteCanning RIP People of the parish
Mon 14th - Fri 18th		*No Mass*	
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 19th September	4.30 – 4.45pm **5.00pm**	Confessions **Sunday Vigil Mass**	Jacintha Phelan RTH
Sunday 20th September	**9.00am** **11.00am**	**Sunday Mass** (St Michael's, Penkridge) **Sunday Mass**	Int Parishioners People of the parish
Mon 21st - Wed 23rd		*No Mass*	
Thursday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham	5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction **Holy Mass**	Holy Souls
Friday 25th Feria	9.15pm	**Holy Mass**	
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 26th September	4.30 – 4.45pm **5.00pm**	Confessions **Sunday Vigil Mass**	Ann Marie Gilvarry RIP
Sunday 27th September	**9.00am** **11.00am**	**Sunday Mass** (St Michael's, Penkridge) **Sunday Mass**	Catherine Gunn RIP People of the parish

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

A BIG 'THANK YOU' for making the celebration of our patronal feast last weekend so special! I'm especially grateful to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to help with the preparations and with the different jobs on the day – and of course, to all of you who simply turned up and shared the day with us.

Please welcome Fr Michael Miners who will be covering this weekend and the next. Fr Micheal is now retired in north Staffordshire but some of you will of course remember him from time when he was the Parish Priest here between 2008 and 2011.

PLEASE NOTE – There will be no weekday masses until 24th September. Please also note that I will not be available to answer phone calls and, if there is a need for a priest in an emergency, please ring Fr David Gnosill at 01902 842 891.

Second Collection (19th/20th September) – The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. The second collection will be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

Second Collection (26th/27th September) will be for Father Hudson's Society, a Social Care Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham whose aim is to offer help and support to people in need and in different ways improving their quality of life. More info: www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

100+Club - A big thank you to all our existing members for your continued support. We would also welcome new members to help raise funds to keep our church in good repair. If you're already a member please return completed forms as soon as possible. The first draw is in October, so subscriptions must be paid by 30th September to be included. Please state "100+ Club" on your payment so it is not confused with Gift Aid. Any queries, please contact Teresa at the Presbytery on Thursday.

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated on Friday 24th. It is the only Feast of Our Lady proper to England. The title comes from Marian apparitions to Richeldis de Faverches, a pious English noblewoman, in 1061 in the village of Walsingham in Norfolk.

In this vision she was taken by Mary to be shown the house in Nazareth where Gabriel had announced the news of the birth of Jesus. Mary asked Richeldis to build an exact replica of that house. This is how Walsingham became known as England's Nazareth. Royal patronage and many miracles that took place there helped the Shrine to grow in status and popularity until, in 1538, Henry VIII brought about it's complete destruction. In 1896, Charlotte Boyd, who had recently converted to Catholicism, purchased the Slipper Chapel and restored the building. The restoration of Walsingham marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Shrine. In 1897, the first Mass was celebrated in the restored Slipper Chapel, and Walsingham gradually became once again a place of pilgrimage. In 1934, the Slipper Chapel was designated the Catholic National Shrine. In 2024 the Holy See elevated the memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to a rank of a Feast in the dioceses of England.

The Month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows celebrated on 15 Sept. The devotion, which became established in the Church in the 14th century and invites us to meditate on the sufferings Mary endured alongside her Divine Son. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary which are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days
4. Jesus Carries His Cross
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus
6. Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross
7. Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world.

SVP Mass of Anointing - The SVP in Wolverhampton are holding their annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Sat 10th October, 11:30pm @ St Michael's RC Church, Penn. All are welcome to attend and the sick and elderly are invited to be anointed. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the hall. Get in touch if you need help with transport 07537161 820 or secretaryF201402@svp.org.uk

Thursday Masses - After several requests and consultation with those effected Thursday Mass will be celebrated in Latin (Extraordinary Form) *ad experimentum*, every week from the 1st October.

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

Christian Meditation – Meeting in the Hall every Tuesday @2.00pm.

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 who is dying or with a serious/long-term illness, please let Fr Tomas know so that he can 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 also pray for the sick, especially: Ron Darley, Joan Blackhurst, James Hunt, Tom Rochford, Philip Harding, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Rev Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Andrew & Bernard Boyes.

COLLECTIONS

Weekend of 6th September 2026

	Brewood	Penkridge
Loose:	£128.25	£48.10
Gift Aid:	£113.00	

TOTAL: £289.95

The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for August were £1,523
(Average weekly total £380.75)

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Jan Fergusson. Her contact is sg.stmary.brewood@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.