



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 13 th April	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Lily Devoy (return to health)
Sunday 14 th April	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	People of the parish Anna Willetts & Late Husband
Monday 15th Easter Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Anne Goodman RIP
Tuesday 16th Easter Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Communities of W-ton & London
Wednesday 17th Easter Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 18th Easter Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction Holy Mass	Ministries in W'ton & London
Friday 19th Easter Feria	9.15am	Holy Mass (with Primary School)	Int of McMahan family
4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 20 th April	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	David Leahy RIP
Sunday 21 st April	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Rosie McKay RIP 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

First Holy Communion – The next meeting with parents will be this Tuesday 16th April at 5pm at St Mary's Catholic School. Please come to the main entrance of the school and someone will let you in. For those children who do not attend a catholic school the catechesis classes take place on Tuesday at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Planned Giving Envelopes for this coming year are available at the back of the church.

Next Week's Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund – We will be fundraising to support the financial costs associated with training our future priests. With seven years of formation for each of them this is an extensive cost. Thank you for your generosity to the collection. You can also support the Clergy Training Fund by setting up a direct debit or contributing by a monthly envelope.

Parish Social Committee will meet to discuss plans for our Wine & Cheese evening on Thursday 25th April in the church hall at 6.30pm. All are welcome.



Wine and Cheese Night – All are invited to an evening of wine, cheese and fraternity on the 11th May 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, (you may purchase another glass/es of wine for a donation) bread, a selection of cheeses, meats, grapes, pate and more. It

will be great to see parishioners from both communities come together for this parish event. Do bring your friends and family too! All money collected will go to the parish.

Reception of Holy Communion – The most important thing about receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion is our interior disposition. This is something that is only between God and ourselves. However the

way we receive externally is also important as it should always communicate and witness to our faith in the real presence of Our Lord – the most precious of gifts. Whatever the circumstances, it's important to always approach the Lord in the most dignified manner possible.

- a) Universally the standard way to receive Holy Communion is **on the tongue**. It reminds us that we aren't eating mere bread but indeed it is Our Lord himself who feeds us like a mother feeds her baby. I would personally encourage Catholics to receive Communion on the tongue because this practice also diminishes the danger of Our Lord falling on the ground and prevents any particles of the Body of Christ from being spread from one hand to the other and so on. When receiving on the tongue it's important, that, after saying "Amen", the communicant opens the mouth and extends the tongue far enough so that the Sacred Host can be placed upon it without the danger of falling.
- b) In the England and in some other countries a permission to receive **Communion on the hand** was also given and therefore receiving in this manner is also a legitimate option. This has become very prevalent now as, during the pandemic, we were asked to receive this way as a safety precaution. It's however important to do it correctly in the following manner: Extend your hands in the middle of the chest so that the left hand is over the right hand and, in essence, a throne is formed in the sign of an X-cross to receive the Sacred Host. After the Host is then placed on the hand the communicant picks it and places it carefully and reverently in one's mouth. Please do not try to grab the Host 'mid-air'. Likewise please do not move away with the Host before receiving it. Every now and then I need to stop people from carrying the host away (often visiting non-Catholics who simply do not know what to do and copy what the person before them does). This has resulted in a few awkward situations when I had to run after a person and an occasion when the Sacred Host was left in the pews!
- c) If you are holding a baby in your arms and have a walking aid, it makes the reception on the hand particularly difficult so please kindly receive on the tongue.

Annual Mass for Marriage – An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

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.

<u>Collection</u>		
<u>Weekend of the 7th April 2024</u>		
Loose:	Brewood	Penkridge
	£155.55	£56.70
Gift Aid:	£123.00	
	Total: £335.25	
The second collection taken for the Holy Places raised £133.85.		
The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for February were £1,460 (average weekly total £365)		

Please also 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.

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.