



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
<b>Saturday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> January	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Karen Grainger RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	People of the parish Harris family (SI)
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Lily Devoy SI
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ken & Dot Dolman
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> St Anthony		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	5.00pm	<u>Adoration and</u> <u>Benediction</u>	
	6.00pm	<b>Holy Mass (Latin)</b>	Fred Rogers RIP
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b> St Wulstan	9.15am	<b>Holy Mass</b> (with Primary School)	Gavin & Teresa Jordan
	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Maggie Morris	
3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
<b>Saturday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> January	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Maggie Morris (months mind)
<b>Sunday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge)	David Bold RIP
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	People of the parish
	4.00pm	Ecumenical Unity Service	

**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.

**Welcome to Mass** whether you're a regular or just visiting or passing through. This Sunday is also called Peace Sunday. The need for prayer for peace is always important, but especially in this present moment which so many ongoing conflicts around the world.

**Ordinary Time** – The Feast of the Lord's baptism last week marked the end of the Season of Christmas and we're back to the liturgical colour green. It's good to remind ourselves that the word 'ordinary', used in this context, has no relation to its standard meaning as 'unexceptional'. In fact it's derived from the word 'ordinal' and it refers to the numbering of weeks between the major liturgical seasons. So hopefully, despite the lack of Christmas trees, you won't find St Mary's boring! Following the old tradition, we're keeping our crib until the Feast of the Presentation, celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and closely tied to Christmas.

**Epiphany Blessing of Homes** – At the Epiphany Masses last weekend blessed chalk was distributed to the people. If you were unable to be here you can still take some blessed chalk home from the back of the church. The instructions on how to use bless your home with it are on last week's bulletin which can also be found on our website.

**House Blessings** – Speaking of which, if you've moved recently or if you haven't had your home blessed, feel free to ask Fr Tomas and he will be happy to come over and bless it any point though out the year.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins this Thursday and concludes next Thursday with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. As part of it we are invited to pray in a special way for the unity of the Church. It is also a time to give thanks for the unity that already exists and to pray that Christians may find new ways of working together despite their differences. Our parish happens to be part of two local 'Christians Together' groups, one based around Brewood and one around Penkridge. This year we are hosting an 'Ecumenical Christian Unity' which will take place at St Mary's next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4pm. We are also providing the refreshment in our hall afterwards so I would be grateful for some volunteers. Please speak to Fr Tomas.

**Recently Deceased** – Please pray for the repose of the souls of Colette Hughes, Gerry Kierans and Maggie Morris. Please also pray for their families. Colette’s and Gerry’s funeral is yet to be confirmed. Maggie’s funeral will be celebrated this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

**Latin Mass** will be celebrated this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. From February it will be celebrated again on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month (1<sup>st</sup> February).

**Crib Collection** – This year’s crib collection will be in support of Friends of the Holy Land which help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

**SVP Meeting** – Next meeting will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm in the parish hall.

**Year of Prayer 2024** - In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year - entitled “*Pilgrims of Hope*” - 2024 has been designated as the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There will be a particular focus on the Lord’s Prayer, which presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. The Archdiocese office for mission have included some suggestions for books to help you reflect on the Lord’s Prayer or on prayer generally. For more information please go to: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/the-year-of-prayer-2024-starts-this-advent](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/the-year-of-prayer-2024-starts-this-advent)

### 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.

**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 £1 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.

COLLECTION		
Weekend of 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkridge</b>
	£126.90	£57.00
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£68.00	
<b>TOTAL: £251.90</b>		
<b>The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for December was £1127.51</b>		
<b>(average weekly total (£281.87))</b>		

**Please pray for the recently deceased**, especially Maggie Morris, 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, Bernard Boyes and Gerald Kierans.

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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.