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16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 16th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	John Taylor RIP
Sunday 17th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Pat Hill RIP
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS	People of the parish
Monday 18th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Seamus Moore RIP
Tuesday 19th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Mike Carey RIP
Wednesday 20th Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 21st Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Souls in purgatory
Friday 22nd St Mary Magdalen	9.00am	Holy Mass	Michael Bowles RIP
17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 23rd	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Return to health after surgery
Sunday 24th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	People of the parish
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	Bridie Davis RIP

Sacrament of Confession – Confessions are celebrated every Saturday 4.30-4.45pm or after each weekday Mass or by appointment.

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Chris Rauchmann, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes & Gerald Kierans.

Dear Parishioners

What a glorious weather we had over the last week. I hope you've all been enjoying the sun so far!

July is normally the season of ordinations in our diocese. This Saturday it's the 6th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood and over the next two weeks we have four more ordinations at St Chad's Cathedral which I am hoping to attend. Please pray for Andrew Lansberry and Martin Casey, who will be ordained permanent deacons this Sunday afternoon. Please also remember in your prayers Deacon Toby Duckworth and Deacon Steven Fleming, who will be ordained priests next Saturday afternoon.

Parish Feast Day – Please put into your diaries Sunday 11th September. The 11am Mass that day will be celebrated as an external solemnity of The Birthday of Our Lady and also as our patronal feast day. Following the solemn Mass we are hoping to organise a parish party / BBQ. More information will follow and I'm hoping as many of you as possible will be able to make that day.

Social Committee – We had a very successful first meeting with 10 parishioners in attendance. Our main aim for that evening was to brainstorm some of the things we can start planning for and bringing together during the next 12 months. There were many good ideas that we can now start focusing on! As mentioned above, our parish feast celebration will be among the first of them. Also watch this space for the return of the 100 Club. Some of the other things we spoke about were a cheese & wine party, a trip/pilgrimage & a Christmas raffle. Our next meeting will be August 11th at 6.30pm. Even if you couldn't (or simply didn't) attend the last meeting do join us for the next one when we will be focusing on our parish feast day plans.

Children's Corner – There is a story of a young mother leaving the church during the bishop's homily because her baby was crying. The bishop paused his homily to try to reassure the mother: "My dear lady, that's OK. Your baby isn't bothering me!" The woman swung around and replied, "Maybe not, but you're really bothering him!" This being said, children are very much part of the Church and crying is just the way they express themselves. *Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* (Mt 19:14) That doesn't however take away the fact that parents sometimes feel self-conscious or awkward when their children end up being noisy. To make it easier on parents and to reassure them, it would be good to have the area at back

below the bell tower as a place where parents can take their children if need be. We could have some soft toys and colouring books there to help parents distract to them. If you have any to donate that would be appreciated!

Prison Visiting – As you know prison ministry is very much a big part of our parish outreach as I help to look after HMP Oakwood and HMP & YOI Brinsford. This is a very important work not only because visiting prisoners is one of the corporal works of mercy, but also because faith is probably one of the most precious things a prisoner may discover (or rediscover) whilst doing their sentence. Before the pandemic I know several of our parishioners have been volunteering in Brinsford by assisting at the Masses on Saturday or the faith classes on Thursday. I would be keen to offer this opportunity once again to our parishioners. There is no need for any previous experience and you would never be on your own. In many ways it's an opportunity to show the loving face of Christ to the least loved members of our society. Sometimes a smile, a listening ear or an encouraging word can go a long way! Please speak to me if interested.

Emily Gilmartin RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Emily Gilmartin. Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St Mary's on 5th August at 11am.

Sower Magazine – A new summer edition of the Sower, the archdiocesan magazine, is available free from the back of the church.

Brewood Mothers Union – are holding their Annual Songs of Praise & Strawberry Tea this Monday 18th July at 2pm in St Mary & Chad's Church. Tickets £3. All welcome.

Tea & Coffee after the 11am Mass – Come and join us for refreshments and chat!

Mass Booking Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you would like to book a Mass please fill in the envelope and give it to Fr Tomas or drop it into the presbytery.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall on Sunday 4th September 2022. Principal Celebrant: Very Reverend Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General. Mass at 3.00pm and Confessions from 1.45pm to 2.30pm. There is free parking, teas, picnic area, free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available and may be booked on the day at the table in the courtyard. It is essential that you bring your own chairs.

Help for Ukrainian Refugees – Many people want to help by offering accommodation in their homes and Fr Hudson's Care can help to coordinate this. If you wish to offer accommodation, please contact Father Hudson's on 01675 434000.

Altar Servers – It's wonderful that we were able to welcome some new servers over the last several weeks! It's my firm hope to increase our number of altar servers even further. If any children or adults are interested please speak to me. Don't worry – training will be provided.

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 Food Bank.

Opening St Mary's for private prayer – It would be good to see our church open during the day. For this we would need a team of volunteers who would be happy to lock the church at some point in the evening each day the church is open. There is a sign-up sheet at the back.

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.

COLLECTION		
Weekend of 10th of July was £306.95		
Loose:	Brewood	Penkrige
	£109.80	£45.15
Gift Aid:	£152.00	
Second collection taken last weekend for the Apostleship of the sea raised £206.10. Thank you.		