



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> January	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Karen Grainger RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 19 <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 Irene & Richard Rose RTH
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b> St Sebastian	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Harris Family
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b> St Agnes	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Joe Fogarty RIP
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> St Vincent		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Fr Jonathan's Intentions
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> St Francis de Sales	9.15am	<b>Holy Mass</b> (with Primary School)	Bonnie Kileen SI

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> January	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Tom Collis RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Jane Stafford 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**

**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 marked the end of the Season of Christmas and from Monday we've 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'. It's derived from the word 'ordinal' and it refers to the numbering of weeks between the major liturgical seasons. Following the old tradition, we're keeping our crib until the Feast of the Presentation so there will still be plenty of time to enjoy some of that festive cheer.

**Octave of prayer for Christian Unity** began this Saturday and concludes on 25<sup>th</sup> January with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. In the encyclical *Ut unum sint*, the late Pope John Paul II, reminds us that '*the unity of all divided humanity is the will of God... On the eve of his sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus himself prayed to the Father for his disciples and for all those who believe in him, that they might be one, a living communion. This is the basis not only of the duty, but also of the responsibility before God and his plan, which falls to those who through Baptism become members of the Body of Christ, a Body in which the fullness of reconciliation and communion must be made present*' (UUS, 6). All are warmly invited to the Ecumenical Service at the Brewood Methodist Chapel this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at 4pm (refreshment provided). This week each of the 3 churches is also hosting a ecumenical prayer meetings at 12noon. Ours will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be an Ecumenical Service at the Penkridge Methodist Church on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm.

**Deacon Stephen's Thanksgiving Celebration** – Mass of Thanksgiving will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm followed by a celebration in the Hall. It would be great for as many people as possible to make the Mass. There will be a planning meeting to organise the celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd January in the Hall.

**House Blessings** – 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.

**Crib Collection** – This year's crib collection will be in support of the Christians on the West Bank and Gaza. The money will be passed on to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre collecting on behalf of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

### OTHER PARISH NEWS

**Deanery Vocations Month** – The Month of February is month during which each parish of our denary is asked to pray for Vocations, especially to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

As a parish we will pray for this intention on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The 5pm Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be offered for this intention and so will be the Mass at 6pm. If you can attend please do come along!

On February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm there will be a Prayer Vigil for Vocation at SS Mary & John, Wolverhampton. More information to follow.

**Parish Finances** – A big thank you to everyone for supporting the parish financially over the last year. 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.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** – Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from Sat 24 - Fri 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". If you would like to go but are in need of assistance, please contact to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk. As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience. For more information go to: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage).

### PLEASE NOTE

**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.

**Please also pray for the sick**, especially Tom Rochford, Philip Harding, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Rev Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker and Bernard Boyes.

COLLECTIONS		
<b><u>Weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u></b>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkridge</b>
	<b>£89.36</b>	<b>£23.95</b>
<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>£121.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL: £234.31</b>	
<b><u>Weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u></b>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood:</b>	<b>Penkridge</b>
	<b>£87.90</b>	<b>£26.15</b>
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	<b>£112.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL: £226.05</b>	
<b>The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for December was £1,242.50</b>		
<b>(average weekly total £248.50)</b>		

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. She can be contacted at [sg.stmary.brewood@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brewood@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.