



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time			
<b>Saturday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Jim Perry & Irene Lowe RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Hugh Canning RIP James Joseph Sheahan RIP
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maureen Stanton
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b> Presentation of BVM	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maggie Morris
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> St Cecilia		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Requiem for Holy Souls	5.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Joseph Naughton RIP
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> St Andrew & Co	9.15am 6.00pm	Adoration with Primary School <b>Mass for the Bereaved</b>	Deceased members of the parish

Solemnity of Christ the King			
<b>Saturday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Helen Evans RIP & Cecilia Norton RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Maureen O' Carroll 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.

Welcome to Mass on the last 'Green' Sunday of the year. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and then, the following Sunday, begins the Season of Advent. Next week (28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm) we are also looking forward welcome His Grace Bernard Longley, the Archbishop of Birmingham, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for the children preparing for this important moment in their lives.

## PARISH NEWS



**Wine and Cheese Night** – Next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15pm.

**This weekend is the last chance to buy your ticket so please do so if you haven't yet already.** It will be great to see as many of our parishioners from both communities as possible. Do bring your friends and family too! All money collected will go to the parish.



**Grand Christmas Raffle** – This will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December after the 11am Mass with the first prize being Fr Tomas' Luxury Hamper. Mulled wine and hot pork baps will be served in the hall. We would be grateful if you could donate prizes as soon as possible (bottles of wine and spirits to make up hamper prizes, luxury Christmas items and also any little Christmas hampers with Christmas gifts. We would also be grateful for any vouchers that could be added to Raffle).

**The Raffle tickets are now available.**

**Mass for the Bereaved** - Our November Mass for the bereaved will be held this Friday. It will be offered for those in our November Remembrance Book and also for those whose funerals have been celebrated in our church in the last year. Please invite to anyone who may find comfort and strength in this Mass.

**Second Collection next weekend** – the Second Collection will be for Kenelm Youth Trust, the diocesan youth service. The money supports the vital work of the Trust in supporting young people in our archdiocese through Alton Castle and Soli retreat centres, in parishes and schools.

**Social Committee Meeting** – Our next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm to plan the Christmas Raffle etc.

**Latin Mass** – From December the first Thursday Mass of the month will be celebrated in Latin according to the Missal of St John XXIII that was in use before the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite). This is being introduced as a trial in light of several requests from parishioners. Booklets to help follow the Mass will be provided and anyone is of course welcome to attend. The first of these monthly Masses will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### ADVENT

**Rorate Masses** – It is an ancient Advent tradition to celebrate votive masses of Our Lady at dawn by candlelight. This year they will be celebrated once again every Tuesday morning at 7am with light breakfast served afterwards in the hall. Why not come to one of these, perhaps on your way to work?

**Christmas Cards** - We now have a selection of Christmas cards Advent Calendars, diary's & small Nativity figures for sale. Please support your parish and buy your Christmas cards etc from us. Teresa Blunn is looking after the stall at the Vigil Mass and Jan Fergusson at the 11am Mass. If there is something you would like, please speak to either of them and we should be able to source it.

**100 Club Draw** – The Advent draw will take place in the Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December after the 11.00am Mass. Mince pies will be served!

### OTHER PARISH ITEMS

**Booking Masses** – If you would like to book a Mass please use the Mass Booking envelopes at the back of the church. We now have plenty of new ones.

**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 pound 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.

**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 pray for the sick**, especially Adam Dent, Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Maggie Morris, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes and Gerald Kierans.

COLLECTION		
<u>Weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkridge</b>
	£94.61	£62.60
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£93.00	
<b>TOTAL: £250.21</b>		
<b>The total Gift Aid S/O for October was £1067.00</b>		
<b>(weekly average £213.40)</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 Colette Hughes. 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.