



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER			
<b>Saturday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	David Leahy RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>9.00am</b>  <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Rosie McKay RIP People of the parish
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		No Mass	

5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER			
<b>Saturday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	People of the parish
<b>Sunday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.00am</b>  <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Charles & Honora Elliott RIP Michael Bates RIP
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		No Mass	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		No Mass	

6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER			
<b>Saturday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> May	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	John Murphy (Return to health)
<b>Sunday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.00am</b>  <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Gerry Delacy RIP People of the parish

**Good Shepherd Sunday** – This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. We pray that many people will answer the call of the Good Shepherd to follow Him in these vocations of service and prayer. We currently have 6 men training for the priesthood in a Diocese with over 200 parishes. The call to prayer for an increase in vocations to the priestly life is significant. Please keep this intention in your daily prayers. We pray, in a particular way, for the Seminarians preparing for priestly ordination in our own Archdiocese – Rev David Bench, Gerry Bowen, Jithin Titto, Jonathan Henry, Tenny Anthony and Luke Theobald.

**This Weekend's Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund** – We are 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 this Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** – There are no weekday masses until 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Please also note that I won't be available to answer phone calls and, if there is a need for a priest in an emergency, please ring Fr David Gnosill, our next door neighbour in Codsall, on 01902 842891.

**Next weekend please welcome** Fr Andrew Robinson. Fr Andrew has been with us before. He is a member of staff at St Mary's College, Oscott, our diocesan seminary. He will be celebrating all the Masses next weekend.

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

**Solemnity of the Ascension** - Please put Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in your diaries as this important Easter feast is also a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Mass with our School at 9.15am and a Sung Mass at 7pm.

**Latin Mass** – Because there is no Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and the following Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation, the next monthly Latin Mass will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**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.

### OTHER PARISH ITEMS

**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 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass).

**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.

**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.

<u>Collection</u>		
<u>Weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024</u>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b> <b>£150.35</b>	<b>Penkridge</b> <b>£60.45</b>
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	<b>£143.00</b>	
	<b>Total: £353.80</b>	
The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for March were £1,360.50 (average weekly total £272.10)		

**Please also pray for the sick**, especially Philip Harding, 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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.