



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Return to health after surgery
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>  <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge)  <b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	People of the parish  Bridie Davis RIP
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> St James	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maureen Bishop RIP
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sts Joachim & Anne	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Ann Annaleen
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	M Conroy
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> St Martha	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Liam Duffy

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>  <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge)  <b>Sunday Mass</b>	People of the parish  William Wootton RIP

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

## Dear Parishioners

I hope you've all coped well in the tropical weather last week. This was also the week schools has waved goodbye to the children and the holiday season has officially started. The carpark is definitely much quieter! If you are going away as a family, enjoy and bon voyage and if you are staying but looking after the children or grandchildren, don't spoil them too much! ;-)

**Mass on Holiday:** If you are holidaying in this country, most parishes have details of times of Sunday Masses on their websites. In many resorts across Europe, an English Mass is often offered, or at least the availability of Mass including readings in English. Please check with your hotel or tour operator. It is important that we make Mass an essential part of our holiday. When you are away why don't you bring back the parish bulletin? It would be nice to know what's going on in other parts of the world!

**Ordinations** – Please pray for deacons Andrew Lansberry and Martin Casey, both ordained to the diaconate last Sunday. Please also pray for Deacon Toby Duckworth and Deacon Steven Fleming ordained to the priesthood this Saturday. As I might not make it back for the Vigil Mass please welcome Fr Guy Nicholls who will be celebrating Mass on Saturday evening.

**If you know of a parishioner with a serious/long-term illness or who is dying,** please let me know. I don't always hear about it and I am always happy to get in touch and to visit.

**Parish Feast Day** – Please put into your diaries Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Children's Corner** – To make it easier on parents with little children 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 to help parents distract their children if need be. If you have any to donate that would be appreciated!

**Social Committee** – We had a very successful first meeting with 10 parishioners in attendance. Our main aim for that evening is to brainstorm some of the things we can start planning for and bringing together during

the next 12 months. Indeed 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... Our next meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

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

**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 in 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> of July

<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b> £162.80.	<b>Penkridge</b> £54.10
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£87.00	
<b>TOTAL: £303.90</b>		

**Cath Hayes RIP** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cath Hayes who died last Sunday.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.

**Please pray for the sick:** Deacon Stephen Gree, Chris Rauchmann, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes, Gerald Kierans.