



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 23 rd March	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sunday 24 th March	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Gerald Hill RIP Tony & Margaret McManus RIP
Holy Monday 25 th March	9.00am 6.30 - 7.30pm	Holy Mass <u>Penitential Service</u>	Maggie Morris RIP
Holy Tuesday 26 th March	9.00am 6.30pm	Holy Mass Choir Rehearsal	Agatha Yap
Spy Wednesday 27 th March	9.00am	Holy Mass	Phil Reagan (Int)

SACRED TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28 th March	10.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Gerard Baldwin RIP
	7.30pm Until Midnight	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Watching	
GOOD FRIDAY 29 th March	10.30am	Walk of Witness	
	3.00pm 6pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Stations of the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY 30 th March	10.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	People of the Parish
	8.00pm	EASTER VIGIL	
EASTER SUNDAY 31 st March	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Terena Cysewska RIP
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	Gerry Kierans RIP

A warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors as we celebrate Palm Sunday and remind ourselves of that moment Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem, being greeted with palms and shouts of joy. All Masses this weekend will start with a short liturgy at which palms will be blessed and distributed. The 11am Mass will also include a procession from the parish carpark into the church (so please gather there if you're able to).

Raffle Draw & Cake Sale – A big thank you to everybody who supported the raffle and cake sale last Sunday. I'm very grateful for all your donations of prizes and cakes, and to all those who've been involved in organising the afternoon. We had a great turnout and we've raised £75.00 for the cake sale & £692.00 for the Raffle.

Flower Collection – The second collection **this Sunday** is towards the costs of the flowers that will adorn our church during the Holy Week and for the Easter Season.

Hot Cross Buns and Hot Drink – Come along after the Mass in Penkridge from 10am onwards at the Reading Rooms, Market Street.

Important Notice – Please do not open the church windows if the church heating is on. If you however open a window for any reason you are responsible for closing it after. Two windows were left wide open presumably after the 11am Mass on Sunday. As there was no Mass in the church on Monday this was only discovered only on Tuesday. Thankfully we had no torrential rain or a visit from an incontinent pigeon.

HOLY WEEK

Penitential Service – Confession is a wonderful opportunity to receive Our Lord's mercy that we see so vividly on the cross. Please come to the Penance Service on Monday of Holy Week (25th March) 6.30–7.30pm. This will be an opportunity for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and individual confessions. Confessions are also be heard at the usual times or by appointment.

Choir Rehearsal – The rehearsal for the Holy Week liturgies will be on Tuesday 26th March at 6.30pm. Please come along if you can.

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer – Join us on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday morning to pray together the Divine Office, the church's daily prayer.

Sign Up Sheets – Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. We're still looking for readers, stewards, servers, etc. Thank you!

Thursday

Washing of the Feet – There is a sign-up sheet at the back to put your name down. At the moment we only have 3 people.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. If you bring Holy Communion to the Sick please attend this if you can and come forward when you are called up after homily.

Watching at the Altar of Repose – After the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday we will make our way to the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel, representing the Garden of Gethsemane. There we will be watching and praying before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. Please put your name down on the watch list at the back as the Blessed Sacrament must never be left unattended.

Good Friday

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Please join us at 10.30am for the Walk of Witness through Brewood. We aim to start at 11am and the reflections are being led by our parish this year.

Stations of the Cross – Come along at 6pm, especially if you're unable to join us for the 3pm. Veneration of the cross will follow.

Easter Sunday

Easter Offering for the Priest – The traditional offering, which is the main part of the priest's annual income, takes place at Easter and Christmas. I am very grateful for your support and the Easter offering envelopes are now available at the back of the church for you to take away.

Easter Week

Monday: No Mass, **Tuesday:** 10am Mass, **Wednesday:** 10am, **Thursday:** 6pm Mass (Latin), **Friday:** 10am Mass, **Weekend:** as normal.

Job Adverts – Please see the two adverts from the adverts from the Archdiocese at the back of the church for Deputy Diocesan Solicitor and Safeguarding Administration Officer.

Parish Social Events for your Diary – Saturday 11th May: Wine & Cheese Evening; Sunday 2nd June: Corpus Christi 'Bring & Share' Party; Sunday 8th September: Parish Feast Day BBQ

Booking Masses – If you would like to book a Mass please use the Mass Booking envelopes at the back of the church.

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

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 Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker and Bernard Boyes.

COLLECTION		
<u>Weekend of the 17th March 2024</u>		
Loose:	Brewood	PenkrIDGE
	£138.23	£71.70
Gift Aid	£93.00	
	Total: £302.93	

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