



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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## 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
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Law family
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b> St Thomas Aquinas	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Collins family
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Feria		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	5.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u>	
	6.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Special Intention (SE)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b> St John Bosco	9.15am	<b>Holy Mass</b> (with Primary School)	Special Intention (KA)

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMASS)

<b>Saturday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> February	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	James Wilcox SI
<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	People of the parish Sean Gaffney RIP

**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**

**2025 Jubilee Year** – The Jubilee Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026.

What is a Jubilee? The Hebrew word for Jubilee is 'yobel' which roughly means 'ram'. This is because a trumpet made from a ram's horn was used to announce the beginning of the Jubilee year in Joshua 6:1-14. In Ancient Israel the jubilee years were a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him. Inspired by this ancient tradition, the Church has started celebrating Jubilees in 1300AD and they now occur every 25 years. These Years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, '...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace'".

Indulgence during the Jubilee Year: During the Jubilee Year, the Church offers various opportunities for the faithful to receive an indulgences even if unable to make a pilgrimage to Rome.

What is an indulgence? An Indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin, whose guilt has already been forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Temporal punishment is a theological terms that refers to the purification required for the effects of sin, such as the damage to one's soul and relationships with others (think about how past sins sometimes still effect us despite forgiveness).

How does one obtain an indulgence? One is able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if one undertakes a pious pilgrimage to any sacred site set apart for this Jubilee "and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God." In our Archdiocese the following have been designated as jubilee pilgrimage sites:

- St Michael's Church, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
- St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham
- The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham
- Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster - English Martyrs
- Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford

**Parish Readers** – I would like to thank you for your ministry of proclaiming the word of God. The new translation of the lectionary presents us with a good opportunity to think about how each one of us carries out this liturgical ministry. For this purpose I have updated our parish guidelines from 2022 in order to make sure we're all on the same page. They are available at the back. Please take them home and carefully study them. Thank you once again!

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation for Children** – This year these two Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated on the following dates:

First Holy Communion: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm

Confirmation: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

If you would like your child to receive either of these Sacraments (irrespective of whether he/she attends a catholic school) please speak to Fr Tomas and come to the meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm at St Mary's Primary School.

**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.

**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.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** – Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025. 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. 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

### Weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood:</b>	<b>Penkrige</b>
	<b>£66.65</b>	<b>£18.85</b>
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	<b>£103.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL: £188.50</b>	

**The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for December was £1,242.50**  
**(average weekly total £248.50)**

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.