



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 th October	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Mary Pritchard RIP
Sunday 27 th October	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Kazimirz Cysewski RIP People of the parish
Monday 28th St Simon & St Jude	9.00am	Holy Mass	Sean Walsh
Tuesday 29th Feria	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for the Soul of Chris Nosek	
Wednesday 30th		No Mass	
Thursday 31st Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction Holy Mass	Nora Buxton RIP
Friday 1st <u>Solemnity of All Saints</u>	6.30pm	Holy Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)	George Elcher RIP
Saturday 2nd All Souls' Day	12noon	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 2 nd October	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 3 rd October	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Stephen Hill (RTH) People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated every Saturday 4.30-4.45pm or after each weekday Mass or by appointment.

Parish Visitation

Archbishop Bernard will be visiting our parish on the weekend of 16th/17th November as part of the Deanery Visitation. He will join us for all the weekend Masses and, on Sunday 17th at 12noon there will be a more formal opportunity for the Archbishop to meet us, to speak to us but also to listen. This will be at St Mary's School and it would be good to make it into a social gathering too so that the Archbishop feels very welcome. Most importantly I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Month of November – November is for us Catholics a time to remember our need to pray for those who have died. The Church's teaching on Purgatory is succinctly summed up in the *Compendium of the Catechism* (par. 210): "Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven. Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance."

There will be many opportunities to pray for your loved ones this month. I would encourage you to put the dates into your diaries. It will be great to see many of you together to witness our hope in the Resurrection.

Solemnity of All Saints – This Friday 1st November the Church celebrates All Saints Day, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This is an important day in the Church's calendar, as we seek the intercession of the many officially canonised Saints but also the many others unknown to us who are now enjoying the glory to Heaven. Please make sure you attend Mass that day either here or elsewhere. As it's half term Mass will be at 6.30pm.

All Souls' Day – Saturday 2nd November: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. There will be an extra Mass at 12noon after Fr Tomas returns from the prison. Please support this Mass and also get your indulgence.

Social Committee Meeting this Thursday at 6.30pm looking at the Archbishop's visitation and Christmas.

Johnson Association – Next weekend the Second Collection for Johnson Association. Through the Archdiocese of Birmingham, The Johnson Association supports about seventy retired, sick or infirm priests of the Diocese. This is done through grants that are made to them. Priests who are sick receive financial support during their period of illness. Priests who

have retired apply for a discretionary grant which will support them throughout the retirement. Envelopes are available at the back.

Baptism – Please pray for little Alice Venables who will be baptised this Sunday afternoon and for her family.

New Lectionaries – The new books have arrived and you can see them displayed at the back of the church in Brewwood. Thank you very much once again for paying for them in their entirety. They look beautiful!

100 CLUB – Now is the time join or purchase more numbers. Each number costs £25 a year. Each of these numbers will participate in a draw 4 times a year. Each draw will have 3 prizes: 1st - £100, 2nd - £75 and 3rd - £50. Please return the completed Membership Forms by dropping them off to the presbytery or emailing them to Sam Wright. Please take the Standing Order form to your bank. Payment by cheque or cash is possible but direct debit is highly encouraged. For more info please speak to or email Sam Wright at samluke201294@gmail.com.

Euthanasia Bill before Parliament – Copies of Cardinal Nichol's Pastoral Letter are at the back of the church or online [here](#). There is an urgent need that the Government sees that there is a large number of voters who do not want this Bill to pass. Please contact your MPs to ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It only takes 30 seconds using this tool: www.righttolife.org.uk/9ly2.

Assisted Suicide: The Issues [date changed] – 'Why does the Church and many in the healthcare system claim that the proposed law is not the way forward?' Includes a presentation by Baroness Finlay of Llandaff. Venue: St. Joseph's Church, Wolverhampton on Wednesday 6th November at 7pm (or join via Zoom). See the poster at the.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November List of the Dead - Please put the names of your deceased loved one in November List of the Dead which is available at the back of the church. This will be placed in our Remembrance Book to be remembered at parish Masses throughout November.

Blessing of the Graves – After the 11am Remembrance Sunday Mass (10th Nov) there will be a short service with blessing of graves in our churchyard. Also Danescourt – 2nd Nov @2pm and Bushbury – 16th Nov @2pm.

Mass for the Bereaved: Friday 22nd November at 6.30pm – This Mass will be offered for those in our November Remembrance Book and also for those

whose funerals have been celebrated in our church over the past year. Last year we had a very poor attendance but, instead of cancelling it, I want to encourage you to come this year. This is an important opportunity to pray for our past parishioners as well to support those suffering from bereavement.

PLEASE NOTE

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.

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.

Collection		
Weekend of the 20th October 2024		
Loose:	Brewood	Penkrige
	£114.10	£82.65
Gift Aid:	£123.00	
	Total: £319.75	
The second collection for MISSIO (APF): £341.25		

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.