ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 26th September	4.30 – 4.45pm **5.00pm**	Confessions **Sunday Vigil Mass**	Anne Marie Gilvarry RIP
Sunday 27th September	**9.00am** **11.00am**	**Sunday Mass** (St Michael's, Penkridge) **Sunday Mass**	Catherine Gunn RIP People of the parish
Monday 28th St Wenceslaus	9.00pm	**Holy Mass**	Frank Peyton RIP
Tuesday 29th Holy Archangels	9.00am	**Holy Mass**	Chris & Margaret Norris RIP
Wednesday 30th St Jerome		*No Mass*	
Thursday 1st Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction **Holy Mass** (Latin)	Int Murial Walsh
Friday 2nd Holy Guardian Angels	9.15am	**Holy Mass** (with Primary School)	Felix Harten RIP
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 3rd October	4.30 – 4.45pm **5.00pm**	Confessions **Sunday Vigil Mass**	Sean Murphy RIP
Sunday 4th October	**9.00am** **11.00am**	**Sunday Mass** (St Michael's, Penkridge) **Sunday Mass**	People of the parish Alicia Perry RTH

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

Whist I was away I was overjoyed to hear that the Assisted Suicide bill has been rejected in the Parliament. This is a small miracle and we should give thanks to God for it. I would like to echo our Archbishop in expressing my gratitude to all those who have prayed and campaigned against this Bill. This is, of course, not a time to be triumphalistic. Rather, we should pray even more fervently against the 'culture of death' in our country, for all those who are suffering, who feel hopeless, or who lack the will to live. May our society once again uphold the dignity and value of every human life from conception to death.

Second Collection this weekend is for Father Hudson's Society, a Social Care Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham whose aim is to offer help and support to people in need and improving their quality of life. More info: www.fatherhudsons.org.uk.

First Holy Communion\Confession and Confirmation for Children - These two Sacraments will be celebrated in June 2027 (the exact dates TBC). If you would like to enrol your child to prepare to receive these Sacraments please speak to Fr Tomas and attend a meeting on 20th October at 3.45pm at our St Mary's Primary School.

100+Club - A big thank you to everyone who has completed the registration/information forms and renewed their membership and to the new members who have joined us. There are a few numbers left for anyone who would like to purchase another number and increase their chances of winning:- £100, £75 or £50 four times a year! If you would like to purchase a new number please contact Teresa in the parish office on Thursdays. The first draw of the year will be held at the end of October, please ensure we receive your membership fee (£25) by 30th September to be included in the first draw. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this Friday 2nd October. Envelopes are available at the back of the church where you can put your donation to bring to the church next weekend.

Ecumenical Harvest Service – All are invited to this annual thanksgiving service organised by St Mary's and St Chad's next Sunday 4th October at 6.30pm.

Feast of the Archangels (29th September) – The feast celebrates namely the three Archangels named in the Scriptures: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. They are mentioned in the books of Tobit, Daniel, Luke, 1 Thessalonians, Jude, and Revelation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, "…the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels." The name of each of these Archangels reflects a facet of the nature of God. St. Michael's name means 'Who is like God?,' St. Gabriel's 'power of God,' and St. Raphael's 'God heals.' To angels, God has entrusted a special mission with human beings at the centre.

October, Month of the Holy Rosary – The Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

SVP Mass of Anointing - The SVP in Wolverhampton are holding their annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Sat 10th October, 11:30pm @ St Michael's RC Church, Penn. All are welcome to attend and the sick and elderly are invited to be anointed. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the hall. Get in touch if you need help with transport 07537161 820 or secretaryF201402@svp.org.uk

The relics of St Gerard Majella are travelling around England to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of his birth. The relics will be coming to St Michael's Church, Wolverhampton on 17th Oct. Mass will be celebrated at 12noon followed by a blessings with the Relics. The Relics will also be available for prayer for an hour before the Mass.

The Pauline Fathers (OSPPE) have served the parishes of St Patricks and SS Mary & Johns in Wolverhampton for well over 20 years. Recently, the Mother house in Poland has recalled the members of this congregation back to Poland. Over the next few months transition of Pastoral care and responsibility for the two churches will be given to the parish of St. Carlo Acutis. There will be a celebration Mass of thanksgiving at SS Mary & John on Thursday November 12th at 7.00pm presided Bishop Tim Menezes, our area bishop.

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

Christian Meditation – Meeting in the Hall every Tuesday @2.00pm.

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 who is dying or with a serious/long-term illness, please let Fr Tomas know so that he can 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: Ron Darley, Joan Blackhurst, James Hunt, Tom Rochford, Philip Harding, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Rev Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Andrew & Bernard Boyes.

COLLECTIONS

Weekend of 20th September 2026

	Brewood	Penkridge
Loose:	£74.55	£75.70
Gift Aid:	£108.00	

TOTAL: £258.25

The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for August were £1,523.00
(Average weekly total £380.75)

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216

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. Her contact is sg.stmary.brewood@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.