



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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

<b>Saturday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Madeleine Jordan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Private Int People of the parish
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maureen Stanton
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> Feria		No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <u>Solemnity of All Saints</u>	7.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Nora & Thomas O'Hara
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <u>All Souls Day</u>	5.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u> <b>Holy Mass</b>	John Breslin RIP
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Feria	9.15am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Basil Quigley RIP

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

<b>Saturday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	James & Mary O'Mara RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Furguson & Canning families People of the parish

**Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass**

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

**Month of November** - As we have entered autumn the nature around us reminds us of our perishability. The Church unsurprisingly dedicates the **month of November** to praying for the dead. 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 dear loved ones this month. **I would encourage you to put the dates below** into your diaries. It will be great to see many of you gather together to witness our hope in the Resurrection.

**Solemnity of All Saints** – This Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7pm.

**All Souls' Day** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. The Mass that day will be celebrated at 6pm and we invite all our parishioners to attend.

**Reception into the Church** – Please pray for Matt Rudd as he's being received into the Church and Confirmed this Sunday at the 11am Mass.

**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.

**Confirmation Candidates** – Please continue to pray for our candidates for Confirmation and for their parents and families. We are looking forward to welcoming Archbishop Bernard on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm to celebrate the Sacrament,

**Prayer and Fasting for the Holy Land** - The Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem has asked the world to fast and pray for peace in the Holy Land. Perhaps make this a special prayer intention this week and add some fasting as part of our intercession before the Lord.

### MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**November List of the Dead** - As is our custom at St Mary's, we invite you to 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 and everyone will be remembered at parish Masses throughout November.

**Blessing of the Graves** – Following the 11am Remembrance Sunday Mass (12<sup>th</sup> November) there will be a short service with blessing of graves at St Mary's churchyard.

**Mass for the Bereaved** - Our November Mass for the bereaved will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. It will be offered for those in our November Remembrance Book and also for those whose funerals have been celebrated in our church in the last two years. Please invite to anyone who may find comfort and strength in this Mass.

### OTHER PARISH ITEMS

**Job Advert** – Bl. William Howard Catholic High School in Stafford is looking for a lay chaplain. Closing date for applications is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 9.00am. For more details please see the advert on the notice board.

**Booking Masses** – If you would like to book a Mass please use the Mass Booking envelopes at the back of the church. We now have plenty of new ones.

**Parish Finances** – A big thank you to everyone for supporting your parish financially by your generous contributions. Just to remind you, there are three options of giving – Direct Debit, Planned Giving envelopes and Sunday Collections. Out of these Direct Debit is the easiest and the best option for the parish. If you're a taxpayer please also consider signing up to the **Gift Aid** scheme. Gift Aiding your contributions makes a huge difference to parish income at no extra expense to you. Every pound you contribute to the parish enables us to claim of 25p back. This makes an

incredible difference. Please take the information handout at the back from the archdiocese for more information.

**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 pray for the sick**, especially Adam Dent, Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Maggie Morris, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes and Gerald Kierans.

COLLECTION		
<u>Weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023</u>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkrige</b>
	£132.53	£53.15
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£73.00	
	<b>TOTAL: £258.68</b>	
<b>The second collection taken last weekend for MISSIO raised £150.81.</b>		
<b>Thank you.</b>		

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Colette Hughes. 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.