



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 30th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 31st	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) SUNDAY MASS	People of the parish William Wootton RIP
Monday 1st St Alphonsus Liguori	9.00am	Holy Mass	Martin family
Tuesday 2nd St Peter J Eymard	9.00am	Holy Mass	Stephen Gee (Return to health)
Wednesday 3rd Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 4th St John Vianney	9.00am	Holy Mass	Peter Guest RIP (40 th Anniversary)
Friday 5th Feria	11.00am	Requiem Mass for the repose of the Soul of Emily Gilmartin	
19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 6th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Emily Gilmartin RIP
Sunday 7th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Terence Delacy RIP Lucy & family

Sacrament of Confession – Confessions are 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

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to those who will visit our parish over the summer period. We hope all our visitors have a very happy visit, feel most welcome and that enjoy their stay in our part of the world.

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Honouring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honouring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings.

Blessing of Vehicles – It is an intrinsic part of our faith that God takes interest in our daily lives and indeed we can seek his blessing on the items we use on daily basis and consecrate them to him. Traditionally Catholics would have their new cars (and other vehicles) blessed as they prayed for His protection. You can always ask a priest for such a blessing any time, however next Sunday there is an open invitation to have your car blessed after the 11am Mass. Simply wait next to your 'means of transport' after the Mass and Fr Tomas will come to you.

Weekday Mass – If you are not at work in the morning during the summer months why not come to a weekday Mass in the morning?

Mass on Holiday: If you are holidaying in this country, most parishes have details of times of Sunday Masses on their websites. In many resorts across Europe, an English Mass is often offered, or at least the availability of Mass including readings in English. Please check with your hotel or tour operator. It is important that we make Mass an essential part of our holiday. When you are away why don't you bring back the parish bulletin? It would be nice to know what's going on in other parts of the world!

Parish Feast Day – Please put into your diaries Sunday 11th September. The 11am Mass that day will be celebrated as an external solemnity of The Birthday of Our Lady and also as our patronal feast day. Following the solemn Mass we are hoping to organise a parish party / BBQ. More information will follow.

Children's Corner – To make it easier on parents with little children and to reassure them, it would be good to have the area at back below the bell tower as a place where parents can take their children if need be. We could have some soft toys and colouring books to help parents distract their children if need be. If you have any to donate that would be appreciated!

Social Committee – Our next meeting will be August 11th. Even if you couldn't (or simply didn't) attend the last meeting do join us for the next one when we will be focusing on our parish feast day plans.

Prison Visiting – Before the pandemic I know several of our parishioners have been volunteering in HMP & YOI Brinsford by assisting at the Masses on Saturday or the faith classes on Thursday. I would be keen to offer this opportunity once again to our parishioners. There is no need for any previous experience and you would never be on your own. In many ways it's an opportunity to show the loving face of Christ to the least loved members of our society. Sometimes a smile, a listening ear or an encouraging word can go a long way! Please speak to me if interested.

Mass Booking Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you would like to book a Mass please fill in the envelope and give it to Fr Tomas or drop in into the presbytery.

CAFOD – Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support.

Sower Magazine – A new summer edition of the Sower, the archdiocesan magazine, is available free from the back of the church.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall on Sunday 4th September 2022. Principal Celebrant: Very Reverend Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General. Mass at 3.00pm and Confessions from 1.45pm to 2.30pm. There is free parking, teas, picnic area, free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available and may be booked on the day at the table in the courtyard. It is essential that you bring your own chairs.

Help for Ukrainian Refugees – Many people want to help by offering accommodation in their homes and Fr Hudson's Care can help to coordinate this. If you wish to offer accommodation, please contact Father Hudson's on 01675 434000.

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 Food Bank.

Opening St Mary's for private prayer – It would be good to see our church open during the day. For this we would need a team of volunteers who would be happy to lock the church at some point in the evening each day the church is open. There is a sign-up sheet at the back.

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.

COLLECTION		
<u>Weekend of 24th of July</u>		
Loose:	Brewood	Penkridge
	£93.95.	£44.65
Gift Aid	£72.00	
TOTAL: £210.60		

Please pray for the sick: Deacon Stephen Gee, Chris Rauchmann, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes, Gerald Kierans.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Ash, Cath Hayes and Emily Gilmartin. Emily's requiem will be celebrated this Friday 5th August at 11am.