



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>Saturday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Jim Perry RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Kazimiera Cysewski RIP People of the parish
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Maggie Morris RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Eileen Stanley RIP
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction <b>Holy Mass (Latin)</b>	Peter Fegan RIP
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> St David	9.15am 6.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> (with Primary School) Stations of the Cross	Joe Mannion RIP

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)

<b>Saturday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Helen Evans RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	People of the parish Tommy Lennon RIP

**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.

**Last week** it was also good to welcome the families from our school to our 'Family Mass' on Saturday evening. This was very successful and we're hoping to make it more regular.

**Retiring Collection this weekend** is for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. This will support people like fishermen in Liberia who face a terrible choice: stay home and hungry or go out onto the water in small canoes. **Next weekend** the Second Collection will be for the Cathedral Maintenance fund.

**First Holy Communion and First Confession** – If you wish your child to be enrolled into the programme, please pick up a registration form from Fr Tomas at the end of a Sunday Mass and bring it back ASAP (before next weekend). **The Enrolment Mass** will take place next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. There the parents will promise to support their children on this journey of faith and to bring them to Sunday Mass on weekly basis. As the parents are the primary educators of their children the programme will include **three Sacramental Preparation Meetings** with the parents on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm. **First Confessions** will then take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm there will be a **Preparation Session for the Children** in the church. Finally **First Holy Communion Mass** will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. If your children do not attend a Catholic school the children will also attend extra catechetical classes with Margaret, our catechist. The dates of these are yet to be confirmed.

**Easter Raffle** – The Raffle tickets are now available. Please take a few books to sell to friends & family to help raise vital funds to keep the parish ticking over. Could we also please ask for your kind donations of chocolates, wines & spirits for the prize?. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the church hall after the 11am Mass. We will be serving a cuppa & a slice of home made cake for £1 (a bargain). There will be a sign-up sheet next week for any budding Mary Berrys who would like to create a cake for this occasion.

**Stations of the Cross** – Thank you to those who attended the stations over the last few weeks. However, given that it's Lent, it would be good to see more people than only 6. These services are made available so that people can benefit from them but they do also require us to e.g. heat up the whole church. As it is a parish event it would also be good to see a better representation of the entire parish, especially those who attend the Mass in Penkridge. It is important to keep in mind that it is things like this that ultimately make up a bigger picture that helps to determine the future of parishes and worshipping communities across the diocese.

**Latin Mass**, celebrated on first Thursday of each month, will be offered again this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**Big Church 'Spring' Clean** – We're looking for volunteers to help to get the church looking its best for the Holy Week. Please come along on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm. Tea and cakes will be provided afterwards.

**Stewards** – We are looking for more stewards especially at the 11am Mass. Please speak to Fr Tomas or Margaret Parry if you're interested.

**Booking Masses** – If you would like to book a Mass please use the Mass Booking envelopes at the back of the church.

**Parish Hall Lights** – The sensors on the light by the entrance to the hall has been a bit hit and miss for some time. This has been replaced this week. Also we had two more lights installed on the side of the hall so that the dark area around it should be safer in the evening.

#### **Parish Social Events for your Diary**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Raffle Draw

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Wine & Cheese Evening

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Corpus Christi 'Bring & Share' Party

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Parish Feast Day BBQ

#### **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

**Stations of the Cross** - These will be prayed every Friday evening at 6pm.

**Thursday Evening Adoration** – at 5pm and concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass follows straight after at 6pm.

**Daily Mass** - We are blessed with many opportunities for Mass. Make a real effort to come to an extra Mass this Lent!

**Confession** – Lent is a time when we are encouraged to make our Easter Duties. One of these duties is to seek the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Mercy – Confession. It's the easiest of things to avoid as nobody knows, apart from Our Lord. Nevertheless, it is so important – for it is the removal, through God's grace, of everything that has no place in our Christian heart.

#### **OTHER PARISH ITEMS**

**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 Delia Sheehan, Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker and Bernard Boyes.

<b>COLLECTION</b>		
<b><u>Weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024</u></b>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkridge</b>
	£149.00	£58.15
<b>Gift Aid</b>		£47.00
	<b>Total: £254.15</b>	
	<b>The total Gift Aid for January was £1,067.00</b>	
	<b>(weekly average £266.75)</b>	

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