



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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31 <sup>st</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
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Margaret Butler RIP
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Requiem for Holy Souls	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John & Rosemary Carr RIP
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Feria		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Dedication of The Lateran Basilica	5.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Margaret O'Reilly RIP
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> St Leo the Great	9.15am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Rowan Grimley RIP

32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> )			
<b>Saturday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> November	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Emmie Venables RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Requiem Mass</b>	Frank Birch (Birthday) People of the parish
After Mass – <b>Blessing of graves in our churchyard</b>			

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

**Second Collection** – This weekend the Second Collection is 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 and those who are retired can apply for a discretionary grant if needed. Your prayer and your financial support is greatly appreciated. You can also make a donation using the information on the leaflets at the back of the church.



**Wine and Cheese Night** – All are invited to an evening of wine, cheese and fraternity on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15pm. **Tickets are now on sale at the back of the church both in Brewood and Penkridge. The price is £12** a ticket which includes your first glass of wine, bread, selection of cheeses, grapes, pate and more. It will be great to see as many of our parishioners from both communities as possible. Do bring your friends and family too! All money collected will go to the parish.

**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 our churchyard.

**Church Door** – Now that the heating has been switched on please ensure that the door is closed at all times otherwise the heating just ends up being wasted.

**Christmas Cards** - We now have a selection of Christmas cards Advent Calendars, diary's & small Nativity figures for sale. Please support your parish and buy your Christmas cards etc from us. Teresa Blunn is looking after the stall at the Vigil Mass and Jan Fergusson at the 11am Mass. If there is something you would like, please speak to either of them and we should be able to source it.

**SVP Meeting** – The SVP will be meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**Social Committee Meeting** – Our next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm to plan the Christmas Raffle etc.

**Reception of Holy Communion** – The way in which we receive the Blessed Eucharist should speak eloquently of our faith in the real presence of Our Lord – the most precious of gifts. Occasionally, people are receiving the Sacred Host and then taking the Host away with them to receive elsewhere. This is not permitted. Please ensure, if you receive Holy Communion in the hand, that you consume the host in front of the priest before moving away. For those holding little children in their arms or walking aids, it might well be easier and more reverent to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. Thank you!

## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**Booking Masses for the Dead** – Traditionally people like to have Masses celebrated for their departed loved ones in November. If you wish to book a Mass [please use the November Mass Booking Envelopes at the back of the church.](#)

**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 Adverts** – 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 info please see the advert on the notice board.

Father Hudson's Care is a Catholic charity serving the needs of vulnerable people, within the large Archdiocese of Birmingham. We are seeking a new CEO to play a full part in shaping and delivering future developments for the charity. For more information visit [fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies](http://fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies)

**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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023</u>		
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>Brewood</b>	<b>Penkrige</b>
	£115.55	£103.35
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£128.00	
	<b>TOTAL: £347.90</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](http://safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.