



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5 th October	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Richard Deeley RTH
Sunday 6 th October	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	People of the parish Dora Corbett RIP
Monday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00am	Holy Mass	Margaret & Albert Rock RIP
Tuesday 8th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Ellen Bolger SI
Wednesday 9th St John H. Newman	9.00am	Holy Mass	Peggie Clancy SI
Thursday 10th Feria		No Mass	
Friday 11th Bl William Howard	9.15am	Holy Mass (with Primary School)	Bridie O'Connor RIP

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 th October	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sunday 13 th October	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Michael McMannus RIP Tommy Jacob Improvement to health

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.

Feast of St John Henry Newman (9th October) – John Henry was born in London in 1801. At the age of fifteen John Henry underwent a profound religious conversion to what can fairly be described as evangelical Christianity. In 1822 John was ordained as an Anglican clergyman and worked in Oxford. As Newman grew in his understanding of Church's history he however started abandoning his evangelical positions and eventually became a leader in what came to be known as the Oxford Movement, a movement which tried to recover its catholic roots within Anglicanism. As Newman continued to study the history of the early Church Fathers, however, he became more and more disillusioned and became convinced that the theological position of his church were not in continuity with those of the early Church. He withdrew from Oxford in order to think and pray. For three years he lived a quasi-monastic life there, praying for guidance. By 1845 his mind was clear, and on 9th October that year, he was received into the Catholic Church by Father (now Blessed) Dominic Barberi. After his conversion Newman went to study for the priesthood and eventually became an Oratorian after the example of St Philip Neri. In 1848 he established the first English Oratory in Birmingham. Newman's life was not always easy. He was often rejected by his past friends and even by fellow Catholics. Several of his projects even ended up in failure. Yet he is remembered for his holiness, kindness and pastoral zeal. Cardinal Newman died on 11th August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI at Cofton Park, Birmingham on 19th September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis in Rome on 13th October 2019.

CAFOD Family Fast Day was on Friday 4th October. Envelopes are available at the back of the church where you can put your donation and leave it in the basket at the back of the church.

Prayer for Peace – The Holy Father asks that Monday 7th October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, should be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world. Please join him, with Catholics all around the world, in this.

Ecumenical Harvest Service – All are invited to this thanksgiving service organised by St Mary's and St Chad's this Sunday evening 6th October at 6.30pm.

Mass of Anointing – The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in Wolverhampton are holding their annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick in October this year. All are welcome to attend and the sick and elderly are invited to be anointed. Sat 12th October, 12:00pm @ St Michael's Catholic Church, Penn. Mass is followed by lunch in the hall. Get in touch if you need help with transport 07868 677863 or SecretaryF021402@svp.org.uk.

Deanery Visitation – Archbishop Bernard and Bishop Timothy will be visiting each of the parishes across our deanery beginning this month through to June 2025. This will be a time of prayerful discernment as we reflect upon our mission in the light of the Diocesan Vision. We begin with an Opening Meeting on October 16th at St Joseph's Willenhall (Time to be confirmed next week) At this meeting we will pray together and have the opportunity to meet the bishops, who will explain what the Deanery Visitation is about, and how our Diocesan Vision shapes this. All are welcome!

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.

PLEASE NOTE

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.

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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.

Please also pray for the sick, especially Philip Harding, Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker and Bernard Boyes.

Collection

Weekend of the 29th September 2024

Loose:	Brewood £93.50	Penkridge £ 62.15
Gift Aid:	£105.00	

The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for August were £985.00
(average weekly total £246.25)

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. She can be contacted at sg.stmary.brewood@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.