



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8 th February	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sunday 9 th February	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Frank Birch Anne Beckett RIP
Monday 10th St Scholastica		No Mass	
Tuesday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes	9.00am	Holy Mass	Private Intention
Wednesday 12th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	D M Keaveney family
Thursday 13th Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u> Holy Mass	Patrick & Lizzie Cronin RIP
Friday 14th Sts Cyril & Methodius	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Mass (with Primary School) Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Stephen	Nigel Wood RIP Rev Stephen Gee

6 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 15 th February	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 16 th February	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Sr Mary Delacy SI People of the parish

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

Deacon Stephen's Thanksgiving Celebration – Please come along to this special Mass as we give thanks to God for Deacon Stephen's ministry in our parish and as pray for him as he retires from his duties. After the Mass the celebrations will move to our parish hall. Hopefully we'll see as many of you as possible.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for Children – This year these two Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated on the following dates:

First Holy Communion: Saturday 5th July at 5pm

Confirmation: Thursday 19th June at 7pm

If you would like your child to receive either of these Sacraments (irrespective of whether he/she attends a catholic school) please speak to Fr Tomas and come to the meeting on Tuesday 11th February at 5pm at St Mary's Primary School.

Deanery Vocations Month – The Month of February is, for our parish and the rest of our deanery, a month dedicated to praying for Vocations, especially to the Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious and Consecrated Life.

As a parish we will pray for this intention on Thursday 13th February. The 5pm Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be offered for this intention and so will be the Mass at 6pm. If you can attend please do come along!

There are also two special opportunities to pray for vocations with others from our deanery:

On Wednesday 12th February 11.30 am: Mass for Vocations with schools from the deanery at St Michael's Penn.

On Friday February 28th at 7pm there will be a Prayer Vigil for Vocation at SS Mary & John, Wolverhampton.

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love,
impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel
to our young people,
that they may know the vocation
wherein they can best serve God.
Give them courage and strength
to follow God's holy will. Amen.

Parish Finances – A big thank you to everyone for supporting the parish financially over the last year. 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 £1 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.

OTHER NEWS

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 24th – 30th May 2025. If you would like to go but are in need of assistance, please contact to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk. We're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience. For more information go to: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage.

PLEASE NOTE

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

COLLECTIONS		
<u>Weekend of 2nd February 2025</u>		
Loose:	Brewood:	Penkridge
	£131.55	£31.30
Gift Aid:	£88.00	
	TOTAL: £250.85	
The total Gift Aid Standing Orders for January was £1,194.00		
(average weekly total £298.50)		

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.