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15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 9th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sunday 10th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Patricia Hill RIP
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS	Baby Grace
Monday 11th St Benedict	9.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Stevens RIP
Tuesday 12th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Teresa Mullen (Return to health)
Wednesday 13th Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 14th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Liam Duffy
Friday 15th Votive Mass of Our Lady	9.15am	School Mass (end of the year)	Students and Staff of St Mary's Primary School
16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 16th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	John Taylor RIP
Sunday 17th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Pat Hill RIP
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	People of the parish

Sacrament of Confession – Confessions are celebrated every Saturday 4.30-4.45pm or after each weekday Mass or by appointment.

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

Dear Parishioners

This weekend is also called Sea Sunday because the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's Second Collection is for Apostleship of the Sea, also known as Stella Maris (Star of the Sea). The Apostleship of the Sea is Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. More information on www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk and there are leaflets available at the back of the church.

Keeping to the nautical theme, we know that several of the Apostles were fishermen. Indeed Jesus calls Peter and his brother Andrew to follow him and to become 'fishers of men' instead. Given this, but also how important ships were for survival in the ancient world, it is no surprise the ship became an important Christian symbol of the Church. Many of you may have heard the Church being referred to as a 'Barque of St Peter', referencing the fact that Simon Peter was chosen by Christ to 'steer' the Church (a role inherited by his successors, the popes). The symbolism also looks all the way back to the Book of Genesis and the story of Noah's Arc. Just like the arc that Noah build saved his family from the flood, so has God chosen the Church to be the means through which salvation is given to the world. To get unto this barque one has to first get into water, itself the symbol of Baptism. And of course masts on ship used to be made cross shaped, symbolising that the Church was commissioned to carry Jesus' cross as her standard. Fun fact: The nave, the central part of a church building, comes from the Latin word *navis*, meaning a ship.



Prison Visiting – As you know prison ministry is very much a big part of our parish outreach as I help to look after HMP Oakwood and HMP & YOI Brinsford. This is a very important work not only because visiting prisoners is one of the corporal works of mercy, but also because faith is probably one of the most precious things a prisoner may discover (or rediscover) whilst doing their sentence. Before the pandemic I know several of our parishioners have been volunteering in 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.

Emily Gilmartin RIP – Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Emily Gilmartin. Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on 5th August at 11.00pm.

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

Photos from our Corpus Christi Procession – If you have any photos from the procession would you mind sharing them with me? Thank you!

Brewood Mothers Union – are holding their Annual Songs of Praise & Strawberry Tea on Monday 18th July at 2pm in St Mary & Chads Church. Tickets £3. All welcome.

Cleaning Rotas – If you have kindly offered to help keep our lovely church clean there are new rotas at the back of the church for you to collect. If you would like to join our team please let Teresa know. Thank you.

Tea & Coffee after the 11am Mass – Come and join us for refreshments and chat!

Job Advert – The Archdiocese is now seeking a **Head of Safeguarding**. More information about the post is on the parish notice board.

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.

Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation – It is now expected that all Catholics who are not restricted by illness or significant frailty should be attending Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation. Whilst the provision

of the live stream Masses is there to support those who are sick or housebound, watching Mass online does not fulfil the obligation.

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 between the hours of 8:30 – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 - 4:30pm on Friday.

Altar Servers – It's wonderful that we were able to welcome some new servers over the last several weeks! It's my firm hope to increase our number of altar servers even further. If any children or adults are interested please speak to me. Don't worry – training will be provided.

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.

COLLECTION		
Weekend of 3 rd of July		
Loose:	Brewood £82.20.	Penkridge £50.30
Gift Aid:	£62.00	
Standing Orders for June:	£1,037 (averages to £259.25 Weekly)	