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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

Sunday 14th	9.00am	Holy Mass	Frank Birch - 90 th Birthday
	10.15-10.35am 11.00am	Confessions Requiem Mass	For those who have died in conflict
After Mass – Blessing of graves in our graveyard			
Monday 15th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Clarice Carroll RIP
Tuesday 16th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick & Maura O'Connell
Wednesday 17th		No Mass	
Thursday 18th Feria	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Fr Paul Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday 19th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Edvardas Vengeliauskas
Saturday 20th		No Mass	(Morning Mass celebrated at HMP Brinsford)
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe			
Sunday 21st	9.00am	Holy Mass	Patricia Hill RIP
	10.15-10.35am 11.00am	Confessions Holy Mass	Ray Wright RIP

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

Our collection for last weekend was **£173.66** made up of **£70.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£103.66** loose. Thank you.

The second collection taken last weekend for the Johnson Association raised £101.33. Thank you. There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Youth Service.

Dear Parishioners,

First of all I would like to thank you for all your responses to the questionnaire. I have read and reflected on all that you have said and I have come with the following decision:

Penkridge - From the 1st Sunday of Advent (28th November), the 9am Mass will return to St Michael's in Penkridge. My hope is that the move will increase the 9am Mass attendance, especially by making Mass more accessible for people who cannot travel. With that in mind we need volunteers to open the church and to set up for Mass on weekly basis. Please speak to me if you are willing to help.

Saturday Vigil - On the same weekend, that is Saturday 27th November, our parish will begin celebrating a weekly Vigil Mass at St Mary's at 5pm. My hope is that this will not only create more capacity at St Mary's as we try to encourage people to return to Mass, but also make it easier for young families with children to attend. As with our other Masses, we will need a couple volunteers to steward and also clean. Again please speak to me if you're able to help.

I fully realise that things take time to build up (as they say, 'Rome wasn't build in a day'). I'm not expecting immediate miracles and so it's important to give things time to settle and grow. At the same time it's important to realise that the Masses need to be supported in order for them to continue in the long run. As such, both of these changes will be reviewed again in 6 months time. It's important that all of us play our part in encouraging others to come to Mass and make sure that our congregation is as welcoming as we can be. Please help us by spreading the word beyond those who are attending on regular basis. I'm also hoping to organise a parish leafleting campaign in the next couple of weeks for which we will need as many helpers as we possibly can get (i.e. all of you 😊). Thank you! Fr Tomas

Remembrance Sunday – Today, and especially at the 11am Mass, we pray for all those who have died in war or conflict. Here is a simple prayer that we can all pray today or any time we remember those who have died: *'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.'*

Fr Paul's Mass of Thanksgiving - We are looking forward to welcoming Fr Paul back on this Thursday at 6pm. Please bring your kind contributions towards Fr Paul's presentation by Thursday morning. Everybody is cordially invited to the celebration afterwards in the parish hall. We're still looking for volunteers to help with the organisation and catering. Please speak to Fr Tomas or Teresa.

Tea & Coffee on Sunday – By popular demand we would like to bring back the tradition of refreshments after the 11am Mass on Sunday. If there are people willing to take on organising this on regular basis please speak to Fr Tomas.

The Sacrament of Confession – From the 1st Sunday of Advent confessions will be heard on regular basis on Saturday from 4.30 – 4.45pm, just before the Vigil Mass. Fr Tomas will also be available on request after the weekday Masses or by appointment.

Confirmations - Please pray for the Children of our Primary school who will be confirmed on the 24th November at 7pm by Bishop Stephen Wright.

Mass for the Bereaved - Our November Mass for the bereaved will be held on Friday 26th November at 6pm and 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.

Visiting the Housebound - If you have been visiting the sick before the pandemic and are happy to start going again, please speak to Fr Tomas.

Going into hospital? - If you are going into hospital, please contact Fr Tomas in order to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go in. When you are admitted to hospital, you will have to ask explicitly for the Catholic chaplain to be informed that you are there.

The Synod - Pope Francis is asking every parish in the world the engage in the forthcoming Synod by listening and discernment and discovering our communion, participation and mission of the Church. We are being asked to listen to the Holy Spirit. As a parish we will be engaged in this process in the months ahead. In the meantime there is a talk via Zoom on Monday 15th November by Dr Mary McCaughey. If you would like to take part in this talk please email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk

Facebook – Please like our Facebook page. I'm hoping to use it as a useful way to communicate about latest things in the parish.