



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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| 3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER | | | |
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| Saturday 14th | 4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm | Confessions Vigil Mass | Frank Coyle RIP |
| Sunday 15th | 9.00am 11.00am | Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass | People of the Parish Private intention |
| Monday 16th Easter Feria | 9.00am | Holy Mass | Rita Homity |
| Tuesday 17th Easter Feria | 9.00am | Holy Mass | Thomas McGann RIP |
| Wednesday 18th Easter Feria | 6.00pm | No Mass Rosary & Benediction | |
| Thursday 19th Easter Feria | 9.00am | Holy Mass | Steve Groves |
| Friday 20th Easter Feria | 9.10am | Holy Mass | Gerry Smith |
| 4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER | | | |
| Saturday 21st | 4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm | Confessions Vigil Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 22nd | 9.00am 11.00am | Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass | Michael Marren RIP Simon Harvey RIP |

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

Collection: for last weekend was **£250.40** made up of **£87.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£163.40** loose. (**£89.50** Brewood & **£73.90** Penkridge). Thank you.

The second collection taken last weekend for the Clergy Training Fund raised £196.95. Thank you.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Fr Hudsons Care to help with the work of supporting people who are coming from the Ukraine to live with host families in the diocese.

Dear Parishioners

Traditionally May is a month when we seek the intercession of Our Lady. During the season of Eastertide, as the spring bursts forth, we celebrate the new risen life of Mary's beloved Son. We ask her powerful intercession each day for the Church, our families and especially at this time for peace

in our world, holding the people of Ukraine in a special way. The rosary is prayed every Wednesday evening in our church at 6pm.

Sunday Obligation – The obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is to be re-introduced in England and Wales from Pentecost. The decision by the English and Welsh bishops means that, from June 5, the faithful will be obliged to go to Sunday Mass each week for the first time in more than two years. The Bishop's Conference of E&W wrote: "The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply." That being said the ultimate reason to come to Mass is never 'a mere obligation' but rather the reality that the Eucharist that is the SOURCE AND SUMMIT of our Christian life.

The Shroud Exhibition – The Turin Shroud is believed to be the shroud in which Jesus was buried, bearing a miraculous imprint of his body from the moment of his Resurrection. We now have a unique opportunity to see a life-sized replica of the Shroud locally at the church of St Mary and St Chad in Brewood, where it will be displayed between 13th–17th. There are also scheduled talks during those days. I encourage you to go - please see the poster at the back of the church for more info.

Corpus Christi – A little heads up that Corpus Christi is only a month away (19th June). One of the great traditions associated with Corpus Christi are Eucharistic Processions. This year we will have ours after the 11am Sunday Mass and the plan is to process around the village (weather allowing) and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament outside. It would be great to have as many parishioners to attend (even from Penkridge) to bear witness to our faith. Please put the date in your diary!

Martin Crowther's Sponsored Bike Ride – Our parishioner Martin is bravely undertaking a bike ride across Great Britain, from Land's End to John o' Groats, in aid of 'Aid to the Church in Need' Ukraine Emergency Appeal. You can sponsor him directly or through the Justgiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ukraineemergencyappeallejog

Altar Servers – Altar Serving is an important service to the Church and Christ which adds to the dignity of the Mass. At the moment we only have one server and it's my firm hope that this number will increase. 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 our local Food Bank.

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.

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 your children are not in Catholic schools, or, for whatever reason, have missed their First Holy Communion or Confirmation earlier, please speak to Fr Tomas.

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 to see if we have enough people willing to help.