



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 15th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Erzsebet Soos, Miklos & Lazlo Kovacs RIP
Sunday 16th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Seamus Gunn Fred Willetts RIP
Monday 17th St Anthony	9.00am	Holy Mass	John Crowther
Tuesday 18th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Kevan Bleach RIP
Wednesday 19th St Wulstan		No Mass	
Thursday 20th St Sebastian	9.00am	Holy Mass	Harris family
Friday 21st St Agnes	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Shirley Robinson RIP
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 22nd	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Marjorie & Derek Johnston RIP
Sunday 23rd	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Charles & Honora Elliott RIP Private Intention

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Sylvia Mary Gee RIP

Our collection for last weekend was **£257.30** made up of **£60.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£197.30** loose. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners

It was good to have a week away with my parents and to come back refreshed. The fact that I was lucky enough to avoid a quarantine was an added bonus! You might have noticed the church looking somehow plainer than it did last Sunday as the trees and the decorations have been taken down. Don't worry, however, the crib will still be with us until February 2nd for the Feast of the Presentation (or Candlemas as it's sometimes called).

Church Cleaning – At the start of the pandemic all churches were asked to ensure that thorough sanitation of surfaces takes after every service. I would like to thank all who have volunteered for this to ensure that St Mary's was allowed to open. As our understanding of the way the virus spreads grew, this requirement has become somewhat less strict. This rule was once again reviewed just before Christmas and, since it has become apparent that most transmissions are airborne, general church cleaning is now deemed as sufficient.

This presents itself as an opportunity for us, as a parish, to review the way we do things. Unlike most other churches, at the moment we do not actually have a 'general church cleaning rota'. I would therefore like to ask you to please consider volunteering for this role. There are many ways to evangelise and making sure that our church is always spotlessly clean and well looked after is perhaps among the simplest and easiest of them all.

So what's the plan? It's important that St Mary's gets dusted, mopped and hoovered once a week and the more people we get the less often each person has to come. I would suggest dividing people into teams. Each team would be assigned a week and they would then liaise between themselves about the best day / time to come during their assigned week. For this it would be helpful to also have a volunteer to manage the rota. If you would be happy to take on the role please speak to me. Thank you!

Stewarding – Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help so far. Just like with our cleaners, without you our church wouldn't be allowed to open those many months ago. Secondly several people have enquired whether stewarding is still necessary for Mass. I'm very keen for this to continue, not simply because of Covid, but even more importantly because it's important to always have a friendly and welcoming face at the door of the church (makes up for the grumpy priest!). I would therefore like to ask you to please continue if possible and of course any new volunteers would be most welcome. Thirdly, as we still cannot pass the basket around at the offertory, can I please ask that stewards hold the collection bag / basket at the back of the church at the end of each Saturday/Sunday Mass.

Brass cleaning – In addition to general cleaning it would be great to have a few people who, at their leisure, help by cleaning and maintaining the candlestick. Some of the ones we have haven't been cleaned for a long time. Please speak to or email Father Tomas if you're willing to volunteer.

Church Flowers – A few people have expressed an interest in joining the flower group. If you would like to join us, please contact Teresa in the office on Thursday or speak to Fr Tomas. I will be drawing up a new rota in the next couple of weeks & it would be lovely to have a few more willing hands.

Receiving Holy Communion – As there have been several instances of people not consuming the Host before walking to their seats please be reminded that, out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, those who receive Holy Communion in the hand are required to consume the Host immediately before stepping away from the priest.

Holy Communion to the Housebound – If you or someone you know is sick or cannot go to church and would like Holy Communion please get in touch.

Parish Finances – In these challenging times we are grateful for your support. Thank you to all those who gift aid their offerings to the parish collection. If you are a tax payer and can gift aid your contribution, please complete one of the gift aid forms at the back.