



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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Fourth Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 18th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Richard & Sheila Nash (Special Intention)
Sunday 19th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Michael Marren RIP
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	Michael Bates RIP
Monday 20th Advent		No Mass	
Tuesday 21st Advent	7.00am	Rorate Mass	Mary Catherine Frain RIP
Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	Holy Mass	Cathy Magnier
Thursday 23rd Advent	9.00am	Holy Mass Confessions Confessions	Sydney Joseph Wall
	9.30 – 10am 5.30 – 6pm		
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS			
Friday 24th Christmas Eve	4.30pm 5.00pm	Carols Vigil Mass	Michael Fletcher RIP
	11.30pm Midnight Mass	Carols Christmas Night	Sheila & Rob Weston Special Intention
Saturday 25th Christmas Day	9.00am	Mass of Dawn (in Penkridge)	Sr Mary Delacy
	11.00am	Mass of the Day	Gert & Jim Douglas & family
The Feast of the Holy Family			
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Brewood)	Sean Henry
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	Herb Griffin RIP

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Eithne Quinn

Our collection for weekend 4/5th December was **£228.50** made up of **£68.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£160.50** loose. The collection for last weekend was **£226.20** made up of **£80.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£186.20** loose. Thank you

The second collection taken for the Poor Parishes Fund raised **£152.65**. Thank you.

Vigil Mass of Christmas – Please note that the Christmas Vigil is now fully booked. Please consider coming to the Midnight Mass or to either of the two Masses on Christmas Day.

Boxing Day – This year the Feast of the Holy Family falls on Sunday, however, as a one off, both the 9am and the 11am Mass will be celebrated in Brewood.

Blessing of Cribs - This Sunday, at the end of each Mass, we will bless of your cribs. Please bring the figure of Jesus or the crib itself. By placing the crib on display in our homes we remind ourselves that our houses are also places where God dwells.

Poinsettias in memory of loved ones – Christmas is a time of joy but also a time when we miss our departed loved ones the most. We would like to invite parishioners to bring poinsettia plants to church to place around the crib and on the sanctuary in memory of a loved one who will not be part of our celebration of Christmas. Please bring them to the church or presbytery, preferably before Christmas Eve.

Christmas Masses Rota – We need stewards, cleaners and readings for the Christmas Mass Eve / Day Masses. Please put your name on the sign up sheet rota at the back of the church.

Parish Christmas Raffle – A big thank you to those who have contributed so generously to the Christmas Raffle with prizes and also for buying your tickets as a way to help raise money for the church. The price draw will take place after the 11am Mass and the list of winners will be available from next weekend.

No Tea & Coffee after Mass – Due to the uncertainty about the new variant so close to Christmas Day we have decided to postpone our Tea & Coffee after both 9am and 11am Mass. We are hoping we can reassess this again in January and hopefully, God willing, be back ASAP.

It's not too Late to obtain Christmas cards and Mass cards if you need them. Somebody will be available to sell them after the Masses in Brewood.

Advent Confessions – For some people it may have been a long time since they availed themselves of the Sacrament of Confession. Advent is a time of preparing ourselves spiritually for the coming of the Lord and for putting right our relationship with him. God's love and mercy awaits all those who seek it, never be afraid, never feel as though you don't need it, we all do! A very warm welcome awaits you, no matter how long it may have been, so please come along to Confessions in our parish this Advent. There will also be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament on Thursday 23rd December between 9.30 – 10am and 5.30 – 6pm. Fr Tomas will be in the confessional during those times.

Christmas Offering for the Priest – The traditional offering, which normally is the main part of the priest's annual income, takes place at Christmas and Easter. I am most grateful for your support and the Christmas offering envelopes are now at the back of the church for you to take away.

Rorate Masses – There is one more oppority to come to the candlelit votive Masses of Our Lady this Tuesday 21st December.

Covid Regulations – Since Friday 10th December the requirement to wear face coverings (unless medically exempt) in places of worship has once again become law. We therefore ask that all parishioners and visitors please wear them whilst in the church. Thank you very much.

Saturday Vigil Rota – Thank you to Chris Marshall for taking on the rota for the 5pm Saturday Vigil. If you are happy to help with reading and stewarding please send a message to Chris on 07479208533 or chrismarshall800@gmail.com.

Parish Finances – In these challenging times we are grateful for your support. If you are a tax payer and can gift aid your contribution, please complete one of the gift aid forms at the back of the church. Also we would like to ask you to consider setting up a Standing Order – the form is again available at the back of the church.

And finally – As we enter this final week of Advent I hope all your Christmas are going well. I'm looking forward seeing you all in the church at the end of a week!