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CORPUS CHRISTI			
Saturday 18th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Anne, George, Kathleen & Janie Ferguson RIP
Sunday 19th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	People of the parish
	11.00am	Sunday Mass (FOLLOWED BY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION)	Michael Bates RIP
Monday 20th St Alban	9.00am	Holy Mass	Tommy Coen
Tuesday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga	9.00am	Holy Mass	Bridie Coen
Wednesday 22nd		No Mass	
Thursday 23rd Birthday of St John the Baptist	9.00am	Holy Mass	Doreen O' Connor
Friday 24th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.10am	Holy Mass	James Doyle
Saturday 25th	1.30pm	Wedding Service of Ross Noonan & Jessica Rees	
13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 25th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	People of the parish
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS	Tony Stevens RIP

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

Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, traditionally called **Corpus Christi**. On this Holy Day we remember the truth about the Most Holy Eucharist, that it is not a mere symbol or representation of Jesus but indeed truly our Lord's Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity present under the appearances of bread and wine.

Viaticum is another name for Holy Communion given to those nearing the end of their earthly journey. The word *viaticum* roughly translates as 'food for the journey'. The Holy Eucharist isn't however only food for those on their final journey to God but indeed food for all of us, as pilgrim people of God. How blessed are we, as Catholics, to have this unique privilege to be able to receive the King of Kings and the Lord of Lord's in this way!

Our **Corpus Christi procession this Sunday after the 11am Mass** is a way for us to not only celebrate our faith in the Eucharist but also to witness to it in front of our friends and neighbours. Please join us for this act of witness and pray that many more may come to know the wonderful gifts God has in store for all.

After the procession **please join for our parish 'bring-and-share' party** with cream tea, Pimms, soft drinks and pig racing! **See you in the presbytery garden!** You are all warmly invited with your friends and families.



'The Leaning Paschal Stand of Brewood' – Our Paschal Candle stand is in need of some extensive repair which will cost £900! Any donations towards this, however small, will be greatly appreciated! So far we have raised 150! Thank you very much for your generosity.

Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (29th June) – There will be two Masses – 9.15am (with the Primary School children) and 6pm - to celebrate the special day which is also a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation – it is a joy to welcome more people back to the celebration of Mass now the circumstances around the pandemic have changed. It is now expected that all Catholics *who are not* restricted by illness or significant frailty (as it has been the case before the pandemic) 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.

Receiving Holy Communion – Now that most restrictions have been lifted and people are free to choose which way to receive Holy Communion, it's good to remind ourselves what these options are and how to do them properly, especially in light of our celebration of Corpus Christi.

- a) Receiving the Sacred Host on the tongue is the normative way of receiving Holy Communion in the Latin Rite. It reminds us that we aren't eating mere bread but indeed Our Lord Jesus himself who feeds us like mother hen feeds her chicks. When receiving on the tongue it's important, that, after saying 'Amen', the communicant opens the mouth and extends the tongue far enough so that the Sacred Host can be placed upon it without the danger of falling.
- b) Before the pandemic some countries, such as the UK, have also been given a special permission to receive Communion on the hand. During the pandemic we were asked to receive this way as a safety precaution. When receiving on the hand it's important to show due reverence to the Eucharist. Upon approaching the minister, please extend the hands in the middle of the chest. The left hand is extended, over the right hand (unless you are left-handed) and, in essence, a throne is formed in the sign of an X-cross to receive the Sacred Host. The response of Amen' is given and the Host is received. It is essential that the communicant doesn't walk away with the Sacred Host but rather places it carefully and reverently onto one's mouth with his/her right hand (again unless left-handed).

Social Committee – We are hoping to start a parish Social Committee in order to bring together ideas and organization skills. It would be great to have representatives from different age groups from parishioners who attend St Mary's and St Michael's. Please come along to our meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday 7th July at 6.30pm.

Tony Stevens RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Stevens. The requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated here at St Mary's on Monday 27th June at 12.30pm.

Bell Ringing – It would be great to have the bells rung at our Sunday Masses. Would people be willing to take that upon themselves, please?

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.

Help for Ukrainian Refugees – If you wish to offer accommodation, please contact Father Hudson's on 01675 434000.

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.

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 for weekend 12/6/2022		
	Brewood	Penkridge
Loose	£97.70	£34.00
Giff Aid (including SO)	£298	
	Total: £429.70	
There will be a second collection this weekend for Day for Life And again next weekend 25/26th June for Peters Pence		