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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 23rd	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	David Brindley RIP
Sunday 24th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Ashley Lewis RIP Michael Bates RIP
Monday 25th St Mark	9.00am	Holy Mass	Doris Power RIP
Tuesday 26th St George		No Mass	
Wednesday 27th Easter Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 28th Easter Feria		No Mass	
Friday 29th St Catherine of Sienna		No Mass	
Saturday 30th Easter Feria		No Mass	(Please note there will be <u>no</u> Saturday Vigil this week!)
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sunday 1st	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	People of the Parish Simon Harvey RIP

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

Second collection this weekend will be to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Dear Parishioners

A very happy Easter to you once again! I hope you've all duly recovered from your celebrations and your extended Easter weekend was enjoyable whatever you were doing. It was lovely to see you all in the church over the Holy Week and I'm enjoying my first Easter here at St Mary's. Easter Sunday was very busy, with a completely packed church here at the 11am Mass but also a big crowd at 9am – a great sight indeed. Also a sincere thank you for the cards and the Easter offering, which is much appreciated.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Low Sunday is also referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday. Today also concludes the Octave of Easter. Simply speaking, Divine Mercy is another name for the magnificent love of God, which culminates in Jesus' life, death and resurrection that we have just celebrated. The name also refers to the devotion to Divine Mercy, which was started by a Polish nun Sister Faustina after Christ appeared to her on several occasions. St John Paul II, at the Mass of Canonisation of now St Faustina, spoke these words: "Divine Mercy reaches human beings from the Heart of Christ crucified. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: 'Jesus, I trust in You!'"

A big thank you to everybody who has in any way helped to prepare for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies in so many different ways - visually, audibly or otherwise! Many have commented how beautiful the church and the liturgies were, which is always very encouraging to hear.

PLEASE NOTE – Starting with Tuesday 26th, there will be no weekday masses until Friday 6th May. There will be **no Saturday Vigil next Saturday, 30th April**. Sunday Masses will be as usual. Please also note that I won't be available to answer phone calls and, if there is a need for a priest in an emergency, please ring 01902 842 891.

Tea & Coffee – will now be served in the church hall every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass. Please come & join us for a cuppa & a chat.

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!

New cleaning & Coffee Rotas are available at the back of church for collection. If there is no rota for you & you have asked to join the cleaning team please contact Teresa.

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 of church to see if we have enough people willing to help.

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.