



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Eve	4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Carols <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Michael Fletcher RIP
	11.30pm <b>Midnight Mass</b>	Carols <b>Christmas Night</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Day	9.00am	<b>Mass of Dawn</b> (in Penkridge)	Lucy Rowland RIP
	11.00am	<b>Mass of the Day</b>	Gert & Jim Douglas & family
<b>The Feast of the Holy Family</b>			
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Brewood)	Sean Henry
	11.00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Herb Griffin RIP
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b> Saint John, Apostle	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Norah & Doug Ball RIP
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Holy Innocents	10.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Anne Harvey RIP
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> St Thomas Becket		No Mass	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Octave	10.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John Crowther RIP
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b> Christmas Octave	10.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Sister Angela Murphy
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	11.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Special Intention
<b>Second Sunday of Christmas</b>			
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	4.30 – 4.45pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Barbara Mary Barlow RIP
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge)	Michael Starr RIP
	11.00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Eithne Quinn RIP

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

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

**Our collection** for last weekend was **£243** made up of **£75** Gift Aid envelopes & **£178** loose. Thank you!

### Dear Parishioners

A very happy and holy celebration of Christmas to you all! I'm truly grateful to all of you who have helped in so many ways – those who have decorated the church, the stewards, the cleaners and the readers and everyone who's made this Christmas all the more special by turning up. Despite the current uncertainties I hope your celebrations at home or with your family and friends will be merry and joyous. In the midst of all this let us not forget that the only true source of happiness is precisely Our Lord, whose Divine Love for us was manifested to in his birth in the poor stable in Bethlehem.



**Christmas Offering for the Priest** – The traditional offering, which forms the main part of the priest's annual income, takes place as part of the collection at all the Masses 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> December. I am most grateful for your support.

**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. We have managed to raise £435! Congratulations to the winners! Your prizes are ready to collect from the parish hall after Mass and the list of winners is in the church.

**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.

**Thank you** – A huge thank you to the anonymous donor of £300 toward the repair of the church's heating system! A mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Covid Regulations** – There is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering in the church (unless medically exempt). Please also sanitise your hands as you enter and leave.

**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.

**Going into hospital** - If you are going into hospital, please contact Fr Tomas in order to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go in. When you are admitted to hospital, you will have to ask explicitly for the Catholic chaplain to be informed that you are there.

**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 of the church.