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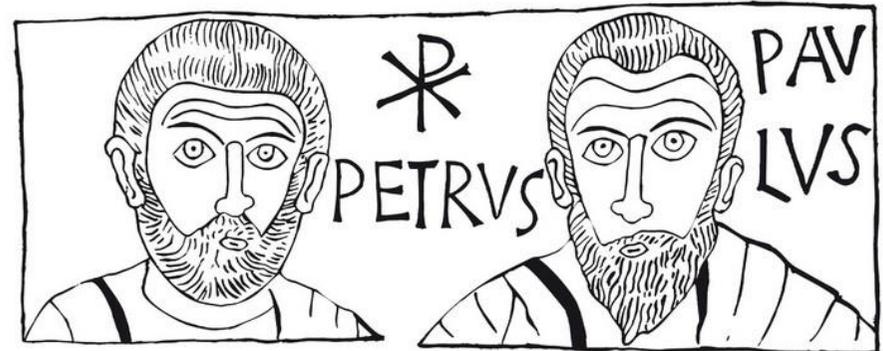
13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 25th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	People of the parish
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS	Tony Stevens RIP
Monday 27th St Cyril of Alexandria	<u>12.30pm</u>	Requiem Mass for Tony Stevens	
Tuesday 28th St Irenaeus	9.00am	Holy Mass	Jean Culley RIP
Wednesday 29th St Peter & St Paul	9.15am	Holy Mass	Return to Health
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Martin Family
Thursday 30th Feria		No Mass	
Friday 1st St Oliver Plunket	9.00am	Holy Mass	George Morrisey RIP
14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 2nd	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Derek & Margaret Birch
Sunday 3rd	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Waclaw Frymark
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish

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

Dear Parishioners

Thank you very much to everyone who's helped to prepare for our parish celebration of Corpus Christi last Sunday. Everything went really well and I know many have mentioned what a great celebration it was. This is all due to the wonderful team who's helped to prepare the garden the week before and so many who have contributed to the day in all sorts of different ways – including their presence. It was great to see you all!

Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul – This week we will celebrate the life and martyrdom of two great apostles of our faith: St Peter and St Paul. The Body of Christ, the Church, is a great structure, with Jesus as the keystone, the fellowship of believers as living stones (1 Pt 2:5), and the apostles with their preaching and teaching as the firm and solid foundation (Eph 2:20). Of the apostles, Peter and Paul stand above the rest – the two greatest builders of the foundations. The solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation and therefore there will be two Masses celebrated that day – 9.15am (with our Primary School children) and 6pm.



Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation – It is now expected that all Catholics who are not restricted by illness or significant frailty 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.

July, the Month of the Precious Blood – July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Devotion to precious blood is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. July is an opportunity for us Catholics to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus as He pouring out His blood for all humanity.

"God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits" (Collect for the Feast)

'The Leaning Paschal Stand of Brewood' – Thank you very much to all of you who have generously contributed towards the repair of our paschal stand. We have now raised all the money needed for the work just in time for the repair to be finished. I will try to pick the paschal candle up from Birmingham over the next week or two.

Second Collection – This week there will be a retiring second collection for **Peter's Pence**, the Pope's charity.

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 this Monday, 27th June at 12.30pm.

Tea & Coffee – Come and join us after the 11am Sunday Mass for refreshments and chat!

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 as we are nearing the 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).

Job Advert – The Archdiocese is now seeking a **Head of Safeguarding**. More information about the post is on the parish notice board.

Social Committee – We hoping to start a parish Social Committee in order to bring together ideas and organization skills to look at how we, as a parish. 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.

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 – Many people want to help by offering accommodation in their homes and Fr Hudson's Care can help to coordinate this. If you wish to offer accommodation, please contact Father Hudson's on 01675 434000 between the hours of 8:30 – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 - 4:30pm on Friday.

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.

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 the Food Bank.

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.

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

Last week's collections will be counted next week.