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7 th SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 28th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Emmie Venables RIP
Sunday 29th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	Charles & Honora Elliott RIP
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	People of the parish
Monday 30th Solemnity of Dedication	9.00am	Holy Mass	Martin family
Tuesday 31st Visitation of the BVM	9.00am	Holy Mass	Dale Scamp RIP
Wednesday 1st St Justin		No Mass	
Thursday 2nd Easter Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Noonan RIP
Friday 3rd St Charles Lwanga and Companions	9.00am	Holy Mass	Allan Grundy RIP
PENTECOST			
Saturday 4th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Private Intention
Sunday 5th	9.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge)	People of the parish
	11.00am	Sunday Mass	Pam Wragg RIP

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

Collection: for last weekend was **£227.21** made up of **£62.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£165.21** loose (**£133.51** Brewood & **£31.70** Penkridge)
Thank you.

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to Mass! May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, has flown past us and this Wednesday is the first of June. The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us of the infinite love God has towards us, as shown in his son Jesus. Perhaps we could take up an extra prayer to the Sacred to say this coming month?

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You.

Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

World Communication Day – This Sunday we remember the importance of all communications media in spreading Christ's Good News. There will be a Second Collection to support the Church's mission of spreading the Good News through communications media.

Novena to the Holy Spirit – The days between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost Sunday are days when we pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit. Nine days of prayer asking the Holy Spirit to renew the Church and to deepen our faith. The Novena has begun this Friday, so please pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit each day for the spreading of the Gospel, for peace in our world and the on-going renewal of our parish.

*Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ Our Lord.*

Corpus Christi – As you know we are organising a Corpus Christi Procession on June 19th straight after the 11am Mass.

- 1) We need 3 volunteers to act as stewards to stop the traffic when we are crossing the roads etc. There is a sign up sheet at the back.
- 2) We're looking for 4 strong individuals to carry the Blessed Sacrament canopy to Market Square and back.
- 3) We are having a 'bring-and-share' celebration after the procession in the parish garden with Pimms & soft drinks.

4) Could I please ask for helpers on Saturday June 10th at 12.30pm to come and help with the garden clean-up. There is lots of rubbish and soil that needs removing and if someone has got a 'patio cleaner' would you be able to bring it please? Thank you!

Bell Ringing – We are blessed to have a church bell here in Brewwood and it would be great to use it during our Sunday Masses. There are three moments when bells are rung at Mass, most importantly at the Consecration. Would people be willing to take that upon themselves? Perhaps our stewards? I'm happy to show you the ropes (no pun intended).

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 it into the presbytery.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Brewwood

- **Thursday 2nd June:** Procession of Lights – Meet at the Middle School Car Park at 8pm. Walking to Woolley at 8.30pm.
- **From 3rd to 4th June:** Exhibition of Memorabilia commemorating the Jubilee at the Anglican Church of St Mary and St Chad.
- **Sunday 5th June:** Street Party in the Square (bring your own picnic & chairs) with family entertainment

Help for Ukrainian Refugees – Thank you for the very generous support you gave to the retiring collection last weekend, which raised **£314.70**. The money raised will go into the Diocesan fund that is supporting Fr Hudson's Care, who are working with the Archdioceses and Ukrainian communities to provide support for Ukrainian refugees. Many people want to help by offering accommodation in their homes and Fr Hudson's 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.

Offertory Procession – The Offertory is part of the Mass where the gifts of bread and wine are offered to God, asking him to accept them and transform them into Christ's Body and Blood (this then happens at Consecration). The Offertory Procession, at which the bread and wine is brought forward often includes a member of the congregation also bringing the money that has just been collected. This symbolises that the money is also offered to God to be used for the good of the Church or a worthy cause. Therefore it is important that, when money is being collected, that the bread and the wine are brought together with the money (and not separately). It would also be good to have the

stewards place the money bags in a basket (if available) for the procession and place the basket with the money in front of the altar, in the middle.

Sunday Obligation – The obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is to be re-introduced in England and Wales from Pentecost, June 5th. The Bishops recognise that for those who are sick and housebound this obligation does not apply. They make clear that for everyone else the "watching" of Mass via livestream and other media sources *does not fulfil this obligation*.

Martin Crowther's Sponsored Bike Ride – Martin is cycling from Land's End to John o' Groats, in aid of 'Aid to the Church in Need' Ukraine Appeal. You can sponsor him here:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ukraineemergencyappeallejog

Altar Servers – It's my firm hope to increase our number of altar servers. If any children or adults are interested please speak to me. Don't worry – training will be provided.

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

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 to see if we have enough people willing to help.

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.

Our Lady & St Chad RC Secondary school in Fallings Park are looking for a lay Chaplain. If you are interested please go to
<https://www.sfscmac.co.uk/vacancies/lay-chaplain-3/>