



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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## Second Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Tommy Lennon & Karen Grainger RIP
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Bridie Tarbuck RIP Deceased members of the families of Helen & Barry Argyle
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> St Ambrose	7.00am	<b>Rorate Mass</b>	Anne Harvey RIP
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <u>The Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Mary O'Mara RIP
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	9.00am	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Shirley Robinson RIP
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	9.00am	<b>School Mass</b>	Desmond Lennon RIP

## Third Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Murphy family
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 11.00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (in Penkridge) <b>Sunday Mass</b>	Michelle & Craig Jones Dorothy Dolman (return to health)

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

**Our collection** for last weekend was **£207.57** made up of **£50.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£107.57** loose. Thank you.

**There will be a second collection this weekend for Poor Parishes Fund.**

### Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all had a good start to Advent and that those of you who went to the Brewwood Lights festival last Sunday enjoyed yourselves. I must say the mulled wine was necessary to keep me from freezing! Speaking of lights, it was great to see so many turn up on Tuesday for our candlelit Rorate Mass. The fact that all the bacon we had for the breakfast afterwards went was also a good sign. Hopefully see you all again this week! Last weekend we also had a good turnout at all the 3 masses, which was very encouraging. Please help us by spreading the word about the recent changes in the Mass times.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – Please note that the Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated at 6pm on the Lady Altar by candlelight. There will be no Mass this Monday.

**Christmas Leafleting Campaign** – This year we have ordered 500 Christmas cards and we are asking our parishioners to take one for themselves but also to help us by dropping them through the doors in your villages and streets. Please take as many as you can distribute! Even if one new person is encouraged to come to Christ this Christmas this will be a great success. I am also hoping this will spread the word about our recent changes in Mass times.

**Parish Christmas Raffle** – We will be holding a Raffle on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We would be very grateful if you could donate prizes as soon as possible (bottles of wine & spirits, luxury Christmas items or any vouchers that could be added to the Raffle). Please drop off these to the sacristy or the presbytery. Raffle tickets are available from the Piety Stall or after the Sunday Mass in Penkridge. If you can help us by selling them to your family and we would be very grateful. The main prize will be a luxury hamper on display at the back of the church.

**Rorate Masses** – It is an ancient Advent tradition in the Church to celebrate votive Masses of Our Lady at dawn by candlelight. We will celebrate these at St Mary's every Tuesday Morning at 7am with light breakfast being served afterwards in the parish hall.

**Christmas Cards** - These are available in the Piety Stall along with some Christmas Mass cards.

**Tea & Coffee on Sunday** – Thank you for organising the get together in the Reading Rooms after the 9am Mass in Penkridge. If you would like to volunteer to do the same here at St Mary's after the 11am Mass, please speak to Fr Tomas.

**Holy Water** – Whilst, because of covid regulations, we still cannot use the holy water stoops in the church, why don't you take some Holy Water home? Please bring your own empty bottle and fill it from the Holy Water 'dispenser' at the back of the church.

**Church Heating** – Unfortunately the timer controlling the church heating has broken. Whilst the church is probably the warmest it's been in ages, it also means that we had to leave the boiler on constant for the past two weeks. The replacement console is due to arrive on Thursday with work that will cost us £600.

**Thank you** – A huge thank you to the anonymous donor of £1000 toward the church's heating bill this winter! A mass will be offered for your intentions.

**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.

**Walk With Me booklets & Calendars** – I managed to get a few more booklets and calendars so please take one with you if you haven't yet. They are free but, if you wish, leave a donation in the basket next to it.

**The Sacrament of Confession** is now celebrated on regular basis on Saturday from 4.30 – 4.45pm, just before the Vigil Mass. Fr Tomas will also be available on request after the weekday Masses or by appointment.

**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 in the porch.

**Christmas Masses** – Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>) – Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5pm (carols from 4.30pm) and Solemn Mass of Christmas at Midnight (carols from 11.30pm). **Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup>)** – 9am (in Penkridge) and 11am (in Brewood). **Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>)** – 9am and 11am (both in Brewood).

**You can now book your place at the 5pm Vigil on Christmas Eve. Please fill in the sheet at the back of the church or phone / email us. Please give us a name of one person in your family group or bubble and the number of people in your group sitting together. We need this to maximise our capacity whilst maintaining social distancing. There will be no booking for the other Masses.**