



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 7th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Frank Coyle RIP
Sunday 8th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Ashley Lewis RIP People of the Parish
Monday 9th Easter Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Ron Kempson RIP
Tuesday 10th Easter Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Int of Keziam Garrod & Family
Wednesday 11th Easter Feria	6.00pm	No Mass Rosary & Benediction	
Thursday 12th Easter Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 13th Our Lady of Fatima	9.00am	Holy Mass	Thomas McGann RIP
4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 14th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Frank Coyle RIP
Sunday 15th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	People of the Parish Private intention

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

Collection: for last weekend was **£186.46** made up of **£37.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£149.46** loose (**£98.25** Brewood & **£51.21** Penkridge). Thank you.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund.

Dear Parishioners

It's nice to be back home, albeit a bit jet lagged! It might take a few days to adjust not only to the time difference but also to the 'lover that 30°C temperatures'. If I speak at you this weekend looking a bit 'spaced out', don't worry, it's not you (unless it is 😊). I'll try to catch up with all the emails and correspondence during this coming week.

Good Shepherd Sunday – Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations. The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, which means 'to call'. The Good Shepherd indeed calls each and everyone by name through the gift of Baptism to be his disciples. There is no 'opt out clause' to this call!

While there are many different callings and each person is given a different mission in life, the Church recognises three main vocations in the life of the Church. There is the vocation to the priesthood and diaconate – to be ministers of God's Word & Sacraments. Some are called to serve in consecrated religious life by their prayer and Christian service. Last, but definitely not least, God is also calling people to the great vocation of Marriage, to become living images of Christ live-giving sacrifice in caring for one's spouse and children. Today we pray for an abundance of vocations in the life of our Diocese and beyond. There is a particular great need for priests and so we pray that Christ may send us many more priests after His own heart to serve our local communities. Please pray for this intention not only today but also in your daily prayer! Please also pray for those training for the priesthood in our seminaries and there are prayers cards available at the back of the church.

Clergy Training Fund – Today's retiring collection is to support the financial costs associated with training our future priests. With seven years of formation for each of them this is an extensive cost. Thank you for your generosity to the collection. You can also support the Clergy Training Fund by setting up a direct debit or contributing by a monthly envelope. Please take one of the cards away and return it to the Clergy Training Fund Office.

May Devotions – Every Wednesday in May, there will be Rosary & Benediction in the church from 6pm. Please do try to come to this lovely devotion to Our Lady.

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.

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 the their First Holy Communion or Confirmation earlier, please speak to Fr Tomas.

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.

Tea & Coffee – will be served in the church hall after the 11.00am Mass. All welcome