



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH BREWOOD

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 8th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Karen Grainger RIP
Sunday 9th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Hannah Marsden RIP Lucy & family
Monday 10th Feria		No Mass	
Tuesday 11th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Anne Harvey RIP
Wednesday 12th Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 13th St Hilary	9.00am	Holy Mass	Irene & Richard Rose (Special Intention)
Friday 14th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Anonymous Donor (Thanks giving)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday 15th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Erzsebet Soos, Miklos & Lazlo Kovacs RIP
Sunday 16th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Seamus Gunn Fred Willetts RIP

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Sylvia Mary Gee RIP

Collection for the weekend of **26/12/21** was **£151.50** made up of **£50.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£101.50** loose. Last weekend the collection was **£186.00** made up of **£53.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£133.00** loose. Thank you.

The collection for the Christmas flowers raised **£191.00**. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners

Please welcome Fr Simon Baker who is covering all the Sunday Masses this weekend and who has also kindly been able to come to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany last week. I will hopefully see you next weekend if not before.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated this Sunday, is very much connected to the Feast of the Epiphany. As mentioned last week, the word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek word 'manifestation'. Both events in the life of Our Lord - the visit of the Magi and His Baptism - reveal and manifest Him as the Son of God who has come to save us.

Ordinary Time – The Feast of the Lord's baptism marks the end of the Season of Christmas and from Monday we're back to the liturgical colour green. It's good to remind ourselves that the word 'ordinary', used in this context, has no relation to its standard meaning as 'unexceptional'. In fact it's derived from the word 'ordinal' and it refers to the numbering of weeks between the major liturgical seasons. So hopefully, despite the lack of Christmas trees, you won't find St Mary's boring! Anyway, following the old tradition, we're keeping our crib until the Feast of the Presentation so there will still be plenty of time to enjoy some of that festive cheer.

Epiphany Blessing of Homes – Last Thursday, after the Epiphany Mass, blessed chalk was distributed to the people. If you were unable to come to the Mass that day you can still take some blessed chalk home this weekend from the back of the church. The instructions on how to use bless your home with it are on last week's bulletin or on the little slip of paper at the back of the church.

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.

Church Flowers – A few people have expressed an interest in joining the flower group. If you would like to join us, please contact Teresa in the office on Thursday or speak to Fr Tomas. I will be drawing up a new rota in the next couple of weeks & it would be lovely to have a few more willing hands.

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.

Covid Regulations – There is now a requirement to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) in places of worship. We therefore ask that all parishioners and visitors please wear them whilst in the church. Also, given the evidence regarding the vaccine as a prevention of serious illness, please do think seriously about getting the vaccine or booster if you are eligible, both for your good and that of your family and neighbours.