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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 20 th July	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Brigitte Wilcox (return to health)
Sunday 21 th July	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	People of the Parish Philomena Darley
Monday 22nd St Mary Magdalene	9.00am	Holy Mass	Margaret Butler RIP
Tuesday 23rd St Bridget	9.00am	Holy Mass	Paddy Carroll (int)
Wednesday 24th Feria		No Mass	
Thursday 25th St James	5.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Adoration and Benediction</u> Holy Mass	Jeff Batt
Friday 26th Ss Joachim & Anne	9.00am	Holy Mass	Biddlestone family Int

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 th July	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Jim Perry RIP
Sunday 28 th July	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Stephen Hill (successful treatment) People of the parish

The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated every Saturday 4.30-4.45pm or after each weekday Mass or by appointment.

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass

GDPR Live Streaming Forms for Volunteers – We have been informed by our Diocesan Data Compliance Manager that the rules regarding live streaming have been updated. Each church has to have clear signage that live streaming is present and indicating clearly the field of view of the camera (please see the poster on the noticeboard) however now any volunteers whose image would be identifiable online (e.g. altar servers, readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion etc.) must sign a consent form. Consent from a parent/guardian is required for children under 16. If this applies to you please speak to Fr Tomas and he will give you a form.

Please pray for priests – Please pray for Fr David Bench, ordained priest for our Diocese at St Chad's Cathedral this Saturday.

Blessing of Vehicles – We believe that God takes interest in our daily lives and indeed we can seek his blessing on the items we use on daily basis and in this way we consecrate them to him. It's good practice to have your new car (and other vehicles) blessed by a priest and part of the blessing is also a prayer for God's protection. You can ask a priest for such a blessing any time but the traditional date for this is on or around the feast of St Christopher. As this falls on this Friday, next Sunday, after the 11am Mass, Fr Tomas will offer this blessing to those who wish it. Simply gather at the carpark after the Mass.

Birmingham Diocesan Directory 2025 – If you would like a copy of the Directory the price will be £3.50 please ring the office or email us by Thursday 25th July to place your order.

Feast of St James the Greater (25th July) – Among the Twelve Apostles were two named James: James, the son of Zebedee and James, the son of Alphaeus. The former is traditionally called James the Greater, and the latter is traditionally called James the Lesser, perhaps because of the greater importance James the Greater played in the Gospel narrative. St James the Greater was called to be an Apostle by Jesus along with his brother St John. It was this James who, with John and Peter, witnessed the Raising of the Daughter of Jairus, the Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and

His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. After Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, St James was instrumental in preaching the Gospel with throughout the Roman Empire, even, according to tradition, as far as the Iberian Peninsula. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod Agrippa. His body made its way to Spain where he was buried. His relics are now enshrined in Santiago de Compostela which has become and continues to be one of the most popular Christian places of pilgrimage.

Happy Holidays to all the children, parents and teachers. If you are going away I hope you will have a wonderful time but don't forget to keep Sunday holy. Have a look where the nearest catholic church is to you are staying or even find a nice church a bit further away and make a nice day trip out of it. Lots of touristy destinations abroad will also have Sunday Mass in English.

Parish Feast Day – Please put into your diaries Sunday 8th September. The 11am Mass that day will be celebrated as an external solemnity of The Birthday of Our Lady and also as our patronal feast day. Following the solemn Mass we are hoping to organise a parish party / BBQ. More information will follow and I'm hoping as many of you as possible will be able to make that day.

Mass Intentions – The Mass is the greatest prayer because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father, making present the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. It is a longstanding tradition in the Church that a Priest may be requested to offer a Mass for a specific intention, even if you can't physically be present at that Mass. You can ask for mass to be offered for the Repose of the Soul of the deceased, in thanksgiving, for the sick or any other good intention. If you would like to have a mass offered for your intention, please use one of the mass intention envelopes available at the back of church. It is customary to offer a donation (typically about £10) for the priest who offers mass for your intention. Envelopes can either be handed to the priest or put into the presbytery letterbox.

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

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.

If you know of a parishioner with a serious/long-term illness or who is dying, please let Fr Tomas know so that he can get in touch and arrange a visit.

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 Well, our local Food Bank.

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.

<u>Collection</u>		
<u>Weekend of the 14th July 2024</u>		
Loose:	Brewood	Penkridge
	£111.35	£32.25
Gift Aid:	£83.00	
	Total: £226.60	
The second collection for Stella Maris raised £195.70. Thank you.		

Please also pray for the sick, especially Tony Evans, Eileen Gosling, Philip Harding, Clive Baker, Jean Ellson, Susan McLuckie, Mary Stokes, Frank Birch, Deacon Stephen Gee, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker and Bernard Boyes.

Please also pray for those who have died, especially Pam Edwards.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.