



# Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Brewood

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Serving HM Prison Featherstone, Penkridge, Bishop's Wood, Four Ashes, Coven, Lapley, Wheaton Aston and surrounding areas

This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered charity number 234216

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Psalter Week 3) World Communications Day

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm Vigil Mass	Deceased Swinden family
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Penkridge  11.00am 4.30pm	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Mr & Mrs Farley (Golden Wedding Anniversary) Sheila Cook RIP Rosary & Benediction
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	St John I Pope Martyr Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	St Bernadine of Siena Priest Eucharistic Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm Vigil Mass	St Rita of Cascia Religious
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am Penkridge	Pentecost Sunday John Perris RIP
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am 4.30pm 6.00pm	Bernard Gaffney RIP Rosary & Benediction Churches Together Service St Mary & St Chad

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> May

#### Readers

6.00 pm M Dunbar  
9.00 am B Cox  
11.00am C Crowther

#### Coffee

23/5 M Morris  
31/5 T Lloyd

#### Cleaners

#### Penkridge

22/5 Mrs Hadlington  
29/5 Mrs O' Donoghue

#### Brewood

6/6 Mrs Gaffney  
& Mrs Morris  
20/6 Mrs Arnold & friend

#### Flowers

16/5 Wedding

#### **Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish and their carers and in particular,**

Joan Cresswell, Henry Hawksley, Kevan Bleach, Eileen Stannard (Dorothy Cargill's daughter), Dorothy Huddart (cousin of Marie Gaffney) Michael Fletcher, Francie Docherty,

Robert Lawford, Bridget Booth, Val Pegg, Marie Roberts, Jodi Leigh Porter, Pauline Britton, Jean Vaughan, Brian Sheldon, Julie Thomas, Margaret Holdcroft, Mary McAndrew, Anne Prendergast, Tracy Phillips and Sylvia Gee.

**Our collection** – last weekend was £ 527.36 made up of £219.48 Gift Aid and £307.88 planned giving and loose. Thank you.

**There will be a second collection next week to help towards the costs of the Papal visit.**

**Pentecost Event** To celebrate the Birthday of the Church, Churches Together have arranged an ecumenical service and the theme is "The Fruits of the Holy Spirit" we begin at 4.30pm with a barbeque to which families are invited, and we then move into St Mary & St Chad Church for the service at 6.00pm.

**First Holy Communion** Children not attending St Mary's school will be making their First Communion at the 11.00am Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**APF Boxes** Thanks to all Red Box holders and promoters; £626.31 was banked at the beginning of April.

**Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10.30 - 12.30pm. There will also be a bring and buy sale.

**Summer Raffle** tickets will be on sale from 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Church Hall** Anyone who wishes to make a booking please ring Sheila Wellsbury on **01902 850421**

#### **The Meaning of the Ascension**

What is the meaning of Christ's "ascension into heaven"? It expresses our belief that in Christ's human nature, the humanity in which we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God. Heaven is not a place beyond the stars, but something much greater, something that requires far more audacity to assert: Heaven means that man now has a place in God.

#### **Benedictus**

#### **Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI**

**Dear Friends** Our May Deanery meeting was held at Aston Hall (near Stone). You may know that it is the retirement home for some of the clergy of the diocese. It is only the second time that a Deanery meeting has been held there. There is a beautiful chapel and a connection with Blessed Dominic Barberi, who received Newman into the church. We were suitably wined and dined. The resident Fathers are cared for by the Sisters of Selly Park. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Kath Hayes celebrated a special Birthday last weekend, but I received the news too late to do anything about it! We wish her many congratulations.

We remember Kevan & Sue Bleach and their family in our prayers. Kevan had surgery on Thursday we wish him a speedy recovery.

**As ever, Fr Michael ODCS**