

Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Brewood

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 Serving HMP Brinsford, HMP Featherstone and HMP Oakwood, Penkridge, Bishop's Wood,
 Four Ashes, Coven, Lapley, Wheaton Aston and surrounding areas.

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Sunday 17th March 2019 Second Sunday of Lent Dementia Prayer Week

Sun 17th	9.00am* 11.00am†	Second Sunday of Lent Kazimierz Cysewski RIP Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion Tommy Lennon RIP
Mon 18th	No Mass	Lent feria
Tues 19th	No Mass	St Joseph
Wed 20th	9.00am 7.00pm	Trish Williams RIP Months Mind Prayer & Reflection (see below)
Thurs 21st	9.00am 6.00pm	Noelleen & Phil Hunt Holy Hour
Fri 22nd	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 23rd	No Mass	Lent Feria
Sun 24th	9.00am 11.00am	Third Sunday of Lent People of the parish Gerard Gosling RIP

* This Mass is celebrated at St Michael's Penkridge and includes Children's Liturgy

† **There is also a Childrens Liturgy in Brewood at the 11.00am Mass.**

Please pray for the sick of the parish & their carers: - Steve Haywood, Chris Rauchmann, Philip & Christine Elson.

Our Collection for last week was **£384.06** made up of **£152.50** envelopes and **£231.56** loose. Thank you. **There will be a second collection today for CAFOD .**

St Marys School Following our official ranking in the league tables as the second best primary school in Staffordshire, we have received a glowing report from Ofsted after a recent one-day inspection. The report states that the school's next inspection will be a full 'Section 5 inspection' indicating that there is evidence to suggest that the school has improved from 'Good' to 'Outstanding'. The report highlights the high level of academic achievement by pupils, as well as exceptional behaviour. It also mentions the family ethos of the school and the excellent skills of the teaching staff. St Mary's is a happy, friendly school where all pupils feel safe and welcome. Parents and carers say that school is like a family and their children love coming to school. This is reflected in pupils' positive attitudes to learning. Pupils engage in lively, intelligent discussions about their work. Teachers skilfully address the needs of all pupils in mixed-age classes. This is strength of the school. The report can be found on the school website <http://www.stmaryscatholicprimarybrewood.org.uk>

Red APF Box Please bring your boxes in to be emptied. Hand them to Helen Byrne at Penkridge or Fr Paul or Maggie at Brewood. **Please do not leave boxes in the church.**

LENT AT ST MARY'S 2019 There are several parish prayer-activities on offer:

Every Wednesday "Getting closer to Jesus" 7.00-8.00pm;
Thursdays at 6.00pm Holy Hour; Fridays at 6.00pm, Stations of the Cross;
From First Sunday of Lent, an 'Armchair Retreat' (booklets available in church at Sunday Masses) Please feel free to join in everything, or to choose one activity, or dip in-and-out. Lenten prayer and reflection may be found online also. Just type in: "Sacred Space", "Pray as you Go", "Universalis" "Jesuits in Britain", "Pathways to God".

Easter Raffle Draw & Hot Dogs To start off our fund raising we will be selling Raffle Tickets after the Sunday Masses until **5th April**. **First prize will be £25 cash.** We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates & bottles of wine etc as prizes. The draw will be in the church hall after the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday 7th April**. Mike & Pam will provide us with their delicious Hot Dogs so even if you don't win in the raffle you can enjoy a hot dog & a cuppa whilst helping to raise money to kick start the refurbishment of our lovely church.

Sunday Mass Music As you may know Dennis our organist is recuperating after an operation in January & we wish him a speedy recovery. During Dennis' absence we are trying out pre-recorded music to help the singing along at the 11.00am Mass. As with all new ventures there are teething problems, Pam, Colette & Jan are trying their best with the resources that are available. If anyone could help with this it would be greatly appreciated, or if you can play an instrument or would like to form a group to sing this also would be a great help. If you are able to help please see Fr Paul after Mass. Please be patient especially if the music isn't quite what you expect, as they say " just go with the flow!!!"



	Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Readers
	9.00am	11.00am	9.00am	11.00am
17/3/19	Rupert Cathy	Colette Aggie	Bill	Tony
24/3/19	Theresa Elaine	Jan Tom	S Palmer	Jan

	Coffee	Flowers Brewood	Cleaners Brewood	Cleaners Penkridge	Prison Visitors
17/3/19	Kath			Kathy	Theresa, Elaine Maureen
24/3/19	Elaine Tom		Teresa Maggie	Frances	Alan Kathy

*Apologies for the mistake on the rotas last week.
 I've got all the right names, but not necessarily in the right order!!!*