



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.

This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered charity number 234216
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Sunday 10th May 2020 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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The Masses advertised below will *not* be in public but will be live-streamed on

Fr Paul's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCgY-szDpsHcQ5OUdBRz6zw/featured>

Sun 10th	10am	Fifth Sunday of Easter People of the parish
Mon 11th		Easter Feria
Tues 12th		Easter Feria
Wed 13th	9am	Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima Staff and pupils of St Mary's school
Thurs 14th	9am	Feast of St Matthias, Apostle Coronavirus sufferers and those finding a cure (Day of Prayer for Humanity)
Fri 15th	9am	Easter Feria Key workers
Sat 16th	9am	Easter Feria Prisoners and prison staff
Sun 17th	10am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Craig Jones (birthday)

Sick List To comply with **GDPR** legislation, from November 2018, we started the parish sick list anew. Only those who have given consent will be on the sick list. A letter is available which can be handed to anyone who is ill to request a visit, or to have their names added to the list to be prayed for.

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

CAFOD Coronavirus appeal The Covid-19 virus has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in several countries where the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) works. Its spread to countries with poor health systems will be devastating. CAFOD's local experts need our support to continue protecting lives. We can donate to their work at the following website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

Parish WhatsApp group The parish WhatsApp group is now quite well established. The group is for over 18's to share news and cheer each other up. If you wish to join; please follow the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BpKF76Z32oCFqwC57nd2Gj>

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

I hope everyone's keeping well in another sunny lockdown week.

It was lovely to see the front garden street parties around Brewood on VE Day and our Whatsapp group has lots of nice pics of people celebrating in style around the wider parish. Those scones look nice.



Live-streaming seems of Mass still seems to be going well, despite the occasional technical glitch. Thanks for the feedback. It's good that we can come together in this way.

We're really grateful for that our young people have been able to do school work at home and for our hardworking teachers who are supporting them.

Thank you for continuing to give to the parish, especially those who have set up standing orders. Hopefully a standing order will make giving to our parish mission easier for you and it will certainly help us in the future. When it comes to entering the name of the parish online; different banks seem to allow for different amounts of text. If you let us know by email what you've tried to arrange and we'll let you know if there is a problem.

We continue to pray for those suffering from the pandemic, for the safety of key workers and that our Government may make decisions for the common good.

God bless

Fr Paul

Day of Prayer for Humanity Following a request by Pope Francis, the Church has set aside **Thursday, 14th May 2020** as a **Day of Prayer, Fasting and Works of Charity** for the good of all humanity in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. On this day, we are invited to join people of all faiths and those of good will to seek divine help to rescue us and the entire world from this disease, to inspire scientists to find a cure for the virus and to save the whole world from the repercussions this serious pandemic will have for health, the economy and for humanity.

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COVID-19 Virus As we try to stop the spread of the COVID-19, Mass and other public acts of worship in our churches have unfortunately had to be suspended and churches must remain closed in line with Government advice. The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have produced a **prayer leaflet from for when Mass cannot be celebrated publicly** - this can be found on our website along with other prayer resources at: <https://www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/prayer-resources.html>

The bishops' prayer leaflet contains an **Act of Spiritual Communion** by saying the prayer of **St Alphonsus** below. This is being said at Communion during parish live-streamed Masses:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Mass Online - Fr Paul is **live-streaming Mass** from the Presbytery on **YouTube** at the times shown overleaf. You should be able to follow him on his YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCqY-szDpsHcQ5OUdBRz6zw/featured> ;
If you wish to follow the Mass **readings** of the day, you can find these a number of websites given on **our website**; including: <https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings/>

Caring for each other - If you live in **Brewood** and are having to self-isolate or are staying in because of a health condition and need help with shopping / prescription collection or maybe just someone to chat to on the phone if you're feeling lonely, then you can contact Brewood Helpers Network via its Facebook group 'Brewood Helpers Network' or via a flier which you should have received through your front door. If you live in **Penkridge**; the Penkridge Support Group can be contacted on 07388 467660 or on Facebook. **Please also ring me if you need help.** If you know anyone who does not have access to the internet; please post them a copy of this newsletter and maybe ring them occasionally if they are self-isolating.

Mass Intentions Fr. Paul is celebrating Mass in private without a congregation but any intentions requested will be fulfilled; as indicated overleaf. You can send Mass intentions to Fr Paul by email and/ or at St Mary's Presbytery, Wharf Lane, Brewood, ST19 9BG; cheques made payable to 'Rev Paul Smith'. Thank you.

Our Collection There are several ways to support your parish financially at this difficult time:

- You can post a **cheque** to Fr Paul at St Mary's Presbytery, Wharf Lane, Brewood, ST19 9BG; cheques made payable to 'St Mary, Brewood'.
- You could pay by **BACS payment**.
- You could also set up a **Standing Order** (even if you have a Gift Aid envelope)

BACS Payments If you wish to pay by BACS; please email us at: stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com with your telephone number and Teresa or Fr Paul can ring you to give you our bank account's sort code, account number and account name. The reference would be 'Donation St Mary Brewood'. If you are already registered for gift aid and are giving by **BACS**; can you please let us know the **date** and **amount of money** you have given so we can update the records. You can do this by email: stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com

Standing Orders Although BACS is the most convenient way for most people to give to the parish; in the long term, **it would really help the parish if you could set up a standing order** for future giving. You could set up an order for a reasonable amount each month which you could then add to if you want. The parish would then have some idea of its regular income.

If you do **internet banking**, you can just set a standing order up this way up; having received the parish's bank account details from us and preferable letting us know the amount and frequency you are intending to give.

If you don't have internet banking:

1. Download the Standing Order form next to this newsletter and print it.
2. Fill in your bank account details and how much you wish to give etc. and sign it.
3. Contact the parish for the parish bank account details and add them in and **post the form to your bank**. Please ensure you get the correct title of the parish account
4. If you post the form to your bank it would be helpful to let us know so that we can watch out for your donations to ensure all is well.

If you are a tax payer, paying sufficient tax, please consider making a **Gift Aid Declaration** which would mean that the parish could receive some of your tax back. To do this, please complete the Gift Aid part of the Standing Order form as well, ensuring that it is dated on or before the date of your first payment. Can you then return the completed form **to the parish**; either by post to St Mary's Presbytery, Wharf Lane, Brewood, ST19 9BG; or as a scanned document emailed to stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com

The Standing Order/ Gift Aid form is also available at:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>

Online Giving You can also donate **online** by going to the Diocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work> following instructions; selecting 'Brewood' when a box prompts you with: 'Donating to'. The only down side of this online option is that **there is a transaction charge on a sliding scale; equating to 39p for a £10 donation.**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

