



# Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Brewood

Kiddemore Green Road, ST19 9BQ

**Email:** stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com **website:** www.stmarybrewood.org.uk  
 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  
 Parish Priest: Fr Paul Smith, St Mary's Presbytery, Wharf Lane, Brewood, ST19 9BG  
 Tel: 01902 850394

Parish Deacon: Revd. Stephen Gee 01902 782969  
 Parish school: Executive Headteacher ~ Mrs Bernadette Corbett ~ Tel: 01902 850261

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent *Dementia Prayer Week*

*Unless otherwise indicated, Mass will be celebrated at the following times:*

<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am*</b> <b>11.00am†</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Mary Rochford RIP Tommy Lennon RIP <b>First Holy Communion Commitment Mass</b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Lent feria</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St Patrick, B Patron of Ireland</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the parish
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>Funeral Mass</b> Patrick Mulcahy RIP (St Michaels Penkridge) <b>Holy Hour</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Paul will celebrate Mass at HMP Oakwood <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2-2.15pm</b>	Fr Paul will celebrate Mass at HMP Brinsford <b>Confession</b>
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am*</b> <b>11.00am†</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Casimir Cysewski RIP Gerard Gosling RIP

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

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

**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.

**Our Collection** for last weekend was **£355.08** made up of **£208.50** envelopes and **£146.58** loose. Thank you.

**The second collection taken for CAFOD raised £359.00. Thank you.**

**Lent 2020** Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at **6pm**. There are **Ecumenical Meetings** at the **Methodist Church Hall in Penkridge** on Tuesday **17<sup>th</sup> & the 31<sup>st</sup> March**. The meetings start at 7pm & will have a different speaker each evening. The Thursday 6pm Holy Hour will also continue during Lent. Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus we have had to cancel the Wednesday evening course 'A Journey with Matthew' this will be rescheduled for later in the year.

**Closing of our Deanery Visitation** This will be marked by a Mass at St Patrick's, Stafford on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. Archbishop Bernard and Bishop David will be celebrating Mass and there will be a 'concluding feedback' meeting in the School Hall afterwards.

**Sunday Coffee** Due to the Coronavirus we have had to cancel Coffee/Tea after the 11.00am Mass until further notice.

**Church cleaning** After several thefts from the church we are unable to leave it open, so we have taken the decision to suspend the fortnightly church cleaning for the time being. We will have a sign-up list for Easter as always, so you can volunteer for that nearer the time. We are looking into a way of allowing access for cleaning etc. Please bear with us as these things take time to sort out.

**Coronavirus Update** – We are following the advice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales which trying to offer the best way to protect us from the spread the virus. At the time of writing (14<sup>th</sup> March), the Bishop's Conference is recommending the following:

- Everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. Whilst we have sanitising gel; we are asking people to clean their hands with it on the way into and out of church.
- Holy water stoups are removed
- Collection bags are not passed around. Collection plates will be at the back for your Sunday offering.
- There is no physical sign of peace
- Holy Communion is received in the host only; on the hand
- Those most vulnerable (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are asked to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms is asked to refrain from attending liturgical, public events and not to attend the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession) (A person may just have an ordinary cold but it's important to ensure a precautionary approach).

Full details can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/coronavirus-stage-2-guidance/> We pray for all those affected by coronavirus and for those caring for them.

**Holy Mass on the Internet** – If you are unable to attend Mass, you can follow it online at a number of churches. For example, if you go to <http://www.st-ambrose-barlow.org.uk/hall-green> you can check Mass times; go back to the main page and select **CLICK HERE FOR CHURCH WEBCAM**; click on the white arrow and you can see the church at St Ambrose Barlow, Birmingham, live. The sound is on during Mass. If you wish to follow the readings of the day, you can find these at <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>

	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Readers</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>15/3/20</b>	Marie Stuart	S Palmer	Elaine
<b>22/3/20</b>	Helen Bill	Cathy	Martin

	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Flowers Brewood</b>	<b>Cleaners Brewood</b>	<b>Cleaners Penkridge</b>	<b>Prison Visitors</b>
<b>15/3/20</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Lent	Cancelled until further notice	Sue	Alan Kathy
<b>22/3/20</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Lent	Cancelled until further notice	Bernadette	Bill