



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 15th November 2020 **Thirty-third Sunday of the Year** *World Day of the Poor*

The Masses advertised below will *not* be celebrated in public but will be live-streamed on Fr Paul's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCqY-szDpsHcQ5OUdBRz6zw/featured>

Sun 15th	10.00am	Thirty third Sunday of the year Deceased members of the Ferguson and Canning families
Mon 16th		Feria
Tues 17th		Feria
Wed 18th	9.00am 12-1pm	Feria People of the parish Private prayer in church
Thurs 19th	9.00am	Feria Fred Smith RIP
Fri 20th	9.00am	Feria Coronavirus sufferers and key workers
Sat 21st	9.00am 12-1pm	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Prisoners and prison staff Private prayer in church
Sun 22nd	10.00am	Solemnity of Christ the King Joan Marsh RIP

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, Ashley Lewis.

Diocesan Chief Operating Officer The Archdiocese of Birmingham is looking to appoint a **Chief Operating Officer** (COO) to enable it to deliver its Mission. Based in Birmingham, the post would be full time with a salary of £80,000 to £90,000 p.a. Working closely with the Archbishop, Area Bishops and the Vicar General, the COO is responsible for the lay workforce, and the financial and property resources involved in providing administrative services in fulfilment of the Mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese, primarily through the provision of support to parishes. Their role includes ensuring compliance with all legal requirements. **Closing date for applications: 9am, Friday 18th December.** For a full job advert and details on how to apply, please go to the following website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=fa8ef1ba-57d9-49de-a79f-751ccee11666>

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

In Birmingham last week and saw the words 'Paradise' on a road sweeper's bin and on a hoarding (right). It reminded me of a musical called *Hopes and Dreams* in which I was an angel sweeping up after creation. Then I realised that the apparent reference to heaven was in fact connected to a new building development where the old central library had been.



As we come to the end of the liturgical year we look forward to heaven and are grateful for the bits of paradise that drop into our lives day to day.

God bless

Fr Paul

Our Collection for the last Sunday we were in church for Mass (**1/11/20**) was **£193.00** made up of **£94.00** envelopes & **£99.00** loose. Thank you. For ideas on parish giving while public Mass is suspended please see the 'News' page on the parish website: <https://www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/news.html>

While Mass cannot be celebrated in public Due to the current Covid restrictions, Masses cannot be celebrated in public until at least **Thursday 3rd December**. Until then Fr Paul will be **live-streaming Mass** from the Presbytery 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 including: <https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings/>

If Masses are able to be celebrated in public again after 3rd December, we will post notices in the church porch and on the parish website.

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 at:

<https://www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/news.html> The bishops' prayer leaflet contains an **Act of Spiritual Communion** that 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.

Private Prayer Until at least **Wednesday 2nd December**, St Mary's church will be open for private prayer on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** between **midday** and **1pm**. During this prayer we will take the usual Covid-secure precautions as we have during Mass in recent months. Thank you to our stewards for allowing this to happen.