



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 1st August 2021 Eighteenth Sunday of the year

Unless indicated otherwise; all liturgy below will be celebrated in ST MARY'S CHURCH, BREWOOD where it is all live-streamed on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BorjZEkeoMM (this link is also on the top of the home page of our parish website)

Sun 1st	9.00am 11.00am	Eighteenth Sunday of the year Pat Hill RIP People of the parish
Mon 2nd		Feria
Tues 3rd		Feria
Wed 4th	9.00am	St John Mary Vianney, P. People of the parish
Thurs 5th	9.00am	Sick & housebound of the parish
Fri 6th	9.00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord People of the parish
Sat 7th	9.00am 2-2.15pm	Families of the parish Confessions
Sun 8th	9.00am 11.00am	Nineteenth Sunday of the year Ray Wright People of the parish

The obligation to hear mass on Sundays & Holy Days is currently suspended. It is hoped that this will be restored from Advent Sunday 28th November 2021.

Sick List To comply with data protection law, only those who have given consent can 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 & Bernard Boyes.

Our collection for last weekend was **£220.00** made up of **£81.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£139.00** loose. Thank you.

The second collection taken last weekend for the Day for Life raised £57.60.

Thank you.

A big thank you to everyone who gives by direct debit & other online payments.

Mass Requests It would be a great help if you could mark on the Mass request envelopes if it is an RIP Anniversary etc. I would hate to RIP someone who is still above ground.

Diocesan Vision You may recall a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley was read out at Mass a few weeks ago. It outlined the vision for the Archdiocese as we move forward. Leaflets explaining The Diocesan Vision *Unfolding God's Plan* are available at the back of church to take away. Please pick up a copy for yourself, and take copies for those who are unable to come to Mass. The leaflet is also available on the 'News' page of parish website, next to a copy of this newsletter: www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/news.html More information on the Vision is available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision
Prayer cards & leaflets are now available at the back of church. Please take a copy for yourself & one for anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

Oscott Tours are restarting in September. St Marys College, Oscott is preparing to welcome visitors from September 2021. Tour dates for the 2021-22 season are shown below:-

Dates available:

2021

September – 29th

October – 6th, 20th

November – 3rd, 24th

2022

January – 19th

February – 2nd, 16th

March – 16th, 30th

May – 11th

June – 1st

Tours cost £10 per adult, which includes a cup of tea and a slice (or two) of home baked cake. Tours begin at 1pm, arrival from 12:30pm, and last approximately 2hrs. Bookings can be made via our Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tour-tickets-160531675563> Social distancing measures may still be in operation at the College in line with national guidance or as deemed essential by the college to ensure the safety of its community.

Fr Paul writes

Since the Government lifted a number of Covid restrictions on 19th July, the Catholic bishops have asked us to continue following a number of the precautions that we have been taking at Mass this year; including wearing face masks and social distancing. Thank you for helping to keep us safe at Mass. It's good to be able to sing again in church and one or two other things that bring us back to a bit more of normality.

In recent weeks, the parishes of St Christopher, Codsall, and St Thomas, Tettenhall, have welcomed Fr David Gnosill as their new parish priest. We keep Fr David in our prayers as he takes up his new appointment, as well as Fr Craig Szmidt who has moved from these parishes to be diocesan vocations director.

If anyone is able to get away for a break in the next few weeks, I hope it goes well and you come back refreshed. While I am on leave in the coming weeks, Fr Francis Selman from Oscott College has kindly offered to celebrate Masses at St Mary's. I'm sure you will give him a good welcome.

God bless

Fr Paul