



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 23rd August 2020 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Unless otherwise indicated, Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's church at the following times:

Sun 23rd	9.00am 11.00am	Twenty-First Sunday of the year People of the parish (<i>at St Mary's, Brewood</i>) Mick Bates (return to health)
Mon 24th		St Bartholomew, A
Tues 25th		Feria
Wed 26th	9.00am	Blessed Dominic Barberi, P Coronavirus sufferers and key workers
Thurs 27th	9.00am	St Monica. Sick and housebound
Fri 28th	9.00am	St Augustine, B.D. People of the parish
Sat 29th	9.00am	The Beheading of John the Baptist, M Prisoners and prison staff
Sun 30th	9.00am 11.00am	Twenty second Sunday of the year Judy Beards RIP (<i>at St Mary's, Brewood</i>) Zsolt Goller & Kovacs family

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.

Stewarding at Mass We are grateful for those who have offered to be stewards but we could always do with more volunteers. We particularly need help at the **11am Sunday Mass** because if we don't have enough stewards we will not be able to celebrate Mass at this time. At the start of the pandemic, the advice was that those who were particularly vulnerable to Covid-19 (including those with underlying health condition and/or the over-70's) would not generally be asked to volunteer. However, this advice has now relaxed and so those in these groups can now volunteer if they wish. Please let Pam Moon, Teresa or myself know if you wish to be a steward.

Parish Giving Many are finding it hard to make ends meet at the moment so anything you can give to the mission of the parish would be appreciated. You can give in the normal way on the collection plate after Mass but to make it easier for you and to avoid needing to handle cash during the pandemic you may wish to consider alternatives of a **Standing Order**, a **BACS payment**, or **Online** via the Diocese website. More details on these options can be found on the Newsletter page of our website at: <https://www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/newsletters--news-updates.html> **Standing Orders** would be particularly helpful for us to plan for the future.

Gift Aid envelopes These are now available at the back of church.

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

As we are getting more used to celebrating Mass together I realise it may still feel it is too early for some to come back to church. After many months of shielding or self-isolating, it can be daunting to go to public areas. Please continue to take your time – the Sunday obligation is still suspended and it is important that you feel safe. We'll keep each other in our prayers. You can see a video of me explaining what it is like in church at the moment on the Newsletters page of our website or at the following link:

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMVH7ncekPNGm5-OAqaE7sUJKCCs9hhLscRcAqTy1MAGACH2z8cGeprnBZWxrNEMg?key=QndtNjNDZ2hlQ0tWMIzIdHU2cDJGwMvXN1B5SjJ3>

We're still doing our best to make Sunday Mass in church available online. Thanks to David Palmer for filming last weeks Sunday Mass. Please check on the Newsletters website page each Sunday for a link if we've managed to upload a video of Mass that day.

Thank you also to Paschal Dunbar for keeping our churchyard looking so neat and well trimmed. During the lockdown we had a lot of visitors to our churchyard who enjoyed its peaceful greenery. Help yourself to any cooking apples on our trees.



God bless

Fr Paul

Masses at St Mary's during the Pandemic

We had plenty of spare capacity at the Masses on Sunday 16th August; especially at the 11am Mass but if we do reach our seating capacity in church we would unfortunately have to turn people away. To avoid disappointment therefore, can those who normally attend the 9am Mass at St Michael's church, Penkridge, come to the 9am Sunday Mass and those who normally come to the 11am Sunday Brewood Mass attend the 11am Mass.

When attending Mass please:

- Wear a face covering
- Put a slip of paper with your name and phone number into the box (1 per household)
- Remain 1 metre or more apart
- Sanitise your hands on entry & leaving church
- Follow the direction signs
- Listen to the stewards
- Leave a 'chair used' sheet on seat
- Not have any Covid-19 symptoms

During Mass there are No...

- Hymn books or singing
- Children's liturgy
- Offertory procession
- Bidding prayers
- Physical sign of peace
- Chalice distribution
- Collection baskets passed around (collection plates available on way out)

