



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Seventh 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>

<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Gerald Good RIP
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Memorial of St Bede</b>
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Memorial of St Philip Neri</b>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</b> George Ferguson RIP
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Easter FERIA</b> Michael Head RIP
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>The Solemnity of the Dedication of our Church</b> Fred Smith RIP
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Easter FERIA</b> Coronavirus sufferers and all key workers
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b> Lazslo Kovacs and 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.

**Holy Land Appeal** Covid-19 is changing the lives of all of us, but for some **Christians**, especially in the **West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan**; it is devastating. So many are dependent for their income on pilgrimages and tourism which disappeared overnight in early March. For many, they have no government support or a health service which can handle this crisis. The **Friends of the Holy Land** is a charity which supports these Christians and has launched an appeal called **Pentecost Challenge**. For more details of the appeal, please go to: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge) or to see more of the story, go to the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>

### Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

Sometimes I think I'm going to wake up and find that the pandemic has not happened and it's all normal again. Having said that, we have had many blessings in recent weeks.

Normally, we have a May devotion service in the church with a procession to the school grounds. During this service, our young people bring flowers from their gardens to put on the Lady altar. Instead of this, last Wednesday we crowned the statue of Our Lady in Mass, for which our young people had emailed the school lots of lovely pictures of flowers. I've still got these in my office where I celebrate Mass (see pictures to right). The flowers are so beautiful and we are grateful for all our teachers for helping with this; especially Mrs Corbett who has worked so hard to support our young people at this difficult time.



Following the feast of the Ascension last Thursday, we are waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit next Sunday at Pentecost. Maybe we could say the 'Prayer to the Holy Spirit' below each day this week to prepare us. One of the symbols of the Holy Spirit is wind which has been blowing very hard as I write. In fact it's blown down a gatepost and fence panel in my garden. May God's Holy Spirit blow through all our hearts and minds to stir up the embers of God's love and truth for others.

God bless

Fr Paul

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



**Harvington Hall Virtual Tour** In normal times, one special, historic place to visit in our diocese is the medieval Harvington Hall where the Catholic faith was lived during persecution and many priest holes can be found. Although the Hall is **temporarily closed**, a series of videos can be found on **Twitter** guiding you round the house: <https://twitter.com/HallHarvington>

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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/>

**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>

**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.

**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>

**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 few ways to support our 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'. If you normally give by the envelope scheme could you also enclose **the number of your envelope**.
- You could pay by **BACS payment**.
- You could also set up a **Standing Order** (even if you have a Gift Aid envelope)
- You could give **Online** via the Diocese website.

**BACS Payments** To pay by BACS, please email us at: [stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com) with your telephone number so that Teresa or Fr Paul can ring you to give you our bank account details (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 also let us know the **date** and **amount of money** you have given and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way) so we can update the records. You can do this by email: [stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com](mailto: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 by email the **amount** and **frequency** you are intending to give and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way).

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. Please also let us know by email the **amount** and **frequency** you are intending to give and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way).

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](mailto: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**. If you are already registered for gift aid and are giving via the Diocese online; can you please let us know the **date** and **amount of money** you have given and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way) so we can update the records. You can do this by email: [stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the mission of our parish.

