



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 25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**** Two page newsletter - see overleaf ****

All liturgy below will be celebrated in **ST MARY'S CHURCH, BREWOOD** and will be live-streamed on YouTube linked on the top of the home page of our parish website or at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hukZykzXn20&feature=youtu.be

Sun 25th	*10am*	Fourth Sunday of Easter Bridget Mary Booth RIP
Mon 26th		Easter feria
Tues 27th		Easter feria
Wed 28th	9am	Easter feria Pupils and staff of St Mary's school
Thurs 29th	9am	Feast of St Catherine of Siena; Patron of Europe Sick of parish
Fri 30th	9am	Easter feria People of the parish
Sat 1st	9am	Memorial of Joseph the Worker Prisoners and prison staff Followed by Confessions
Sun 2nd	*10am*	Fifth Sunday of Easter People of the parish

Please check the 'News' page of parish website for any alterations to the above during week.

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, Ashley Lewis & Bernard Boyes.

Parish Website *Deacon Stephen writes:* There is more on the PARISH WEBSITE than meets the eye!

Click on the "**EASTER REFLECTIONS**" page for constantly updated info & resources for:

- each Sunday with "Prego"
- Prayer resources
- news from around the Archdiocese
- supporting CaFOD
- Youth Service news and activities.
- Would you fancy a virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes this year? Check it out!

Click on the "**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**" page: Get to know the Bible better.

Best wishes to you all, Dcn Stephen.

May Devotions On **Tuesdays** in **May** (starting on Tuesday 4th May) there will be devotions to Our Lady in church between **11am and 12pm**. These devotions will involve prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament; starting with the rosary and ending with Benediction. All are welcome.

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and we celebrate the gift of vocations. Might I invite you to make two times for prayer over this coming week? First, pray for yourself. Ask the Lord to reveal your own vocation or calling in life. Each of us has a specific task that only we can do and even when we are following the prompting of the Lord in our lifelong vocation yet more details will emerge when we take the time to listen to the Lord. Second, might you pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, to the diaconate and to the religious life. Our community relies upon these roles being fulfilled and only through prayer can we hope to increase them.



In other news, Archbishop Bernard has appointed Fr Michael Dolman the new Rector of the local seminary at Oscott. Fr Michael grew up near Brewood and is currently serving as our Vocations Director. We keep him in our prayers as he prepares for this challenging but rewarding role.

The Bishops of England and Wales have been meeting in conference and encourage Catholics to place Sunday Mass at the heart of their post-pandemic lives. In their reflection 'The Day of the Lord', they suggest that as we move out of the current lockdown, we consider Mass and making this a priority. I know many continue to worry, and I know many are now fully vaccinated (I'm hoping to get my second jab soon) and I know that many are already now making Mass part of your regular weekly spiritual journey.

Mass online continues as a great source of comfort and will continue regardless but we need to gather as a community. We need that support that being together brings and we need, above all, to practice our faith. Please consider coming back to Mass, to bring your family, but just when it is right for you.

God bless.

Fr Paul

Church Flowers If you would like to help decorate our church with flowers please let Fr Paul know.



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Parts of the Mass

Response to Today's Psalm:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone."

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion (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.

mission. Members should be receiving letters confirming this. If anyone would like to set up a new fund raising club it would be greatly appreciated - please contact Fr Paul if you are interested.

Prayer Leaflet The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have produced a **prayer leaflet from for when Mass cannot be attended** - this can be found below the newsletters on the News page of our website at: <https://www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/news.html>

For Mass in St Mary's church please:

- Do not attend if you have any Covid-19 symptoms
- 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
- Leave a 'chair used' sheet on seat.
- Do not mingle with another household or bubble inside or outside church.

Live-Streaming at St Mary's We have a camera installed at St Marys' church and so all Masses and other services are being live-streamed. The new camera in church focuses on the altar and just in front (where Holy Communion is received) so those attending Mass will not generally be seen on it. You can watch on the parish's **new YouTube channel** from a link to this on the top of the home page of our parish website or at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hukZykzXn20&feature=youtu.be If you wish to watch previously recorded liturgy, please go to: www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTe22RBcGdh9fOjeCwXiHg/videos. The online newsletter has parts of the Mass and for a **Prayer of Spiritual Communion** overleaf.

Donations towards New Church Camera The new church camera and its wiring cost **£3437** to install which was done well, at a very competitive rate. We had been quoted almost twice that price with considerable on-going costs we don't have with our system. The camera has provided a good quality picture of Masses and other liturgy in the church and is helpful for those who are unable to attend church. If you wish to give towards this work, please send donations to the Presbytery or, if you wish to give by internet banking, please ring or email Fr Paul to get our bank account details.

100 Club After many years of service, our 100 club co-ordinators, Maggie and Teresa, are stepping down. We are grateful for all they have done to promote this very successful fund raising initiative for the parish.