



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 29th November 2020 First Sunday of Advent

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Unless otherwise indicated, from Wednesday 2nd December all liturgy below will be celebrated in **ST MARYS CHURCH** at the following times:

Sun 29 th	10.00am	First Sunday of Advent <i>People of the parish (live-streamed in private - see below†)</i>
Mon 30 th		Feast of St Andrew, Apostle
Tues 1 st		Feast of St Edmund Campion, martyr
Wed 2 nd	9.00am	Advent Feria Staff and pupils of Blessed William Howard and St Mary's schools <i>(**Masses back in church from today**)</i>
Thurs 3 rd	9.00am 4.30pm	Memorial of St Francis Xavier, priest Iain Agnew RIP Reception of Peter Swinden RIP
Fri 4 th	9.00am 2pm	Advent Feria Covid sufferers and key workers Funeral of Peter Swinden RIP
Sat 5 th	9.00am	Feast of St Birinus, bishop Prisoners and prison staff Mass followed by Confessions (15 mins)
Sun 6 th	9am 11am	Second Sunday of Advent People of the parish Peter Swinden 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.

Mass back in Church †Today's Mass will be celebrated in private for the last time on Fr Paul's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCqY-szDpsHcQ5OUdBRz6zw/featured>
From this **Wednesday 2nd December (9am)**, we will be celebrating Mass again **in the church**, in public.

For Mass in church 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
- Leave a 'chair used' sheet on seat
- Do not attend if you have any Covid-19 symptoms
- Thank you

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have encouraged us to be vaccinated in order to save as many lives as possible during the current pandemic. However, in giving this advice, they highlight an ethical issue which the main-stream media does not seem to have covered – that some vaccines have been developed using tissue from aborted fetuses. A Bishops' document on this subject can be found on this link:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/covid-19-and-vaccination/>

Catholics have a responsibility to voice their concerns about the origin of some of the vaccines and to try and ensure that research and funding is directed to sourcing a vaccine in an ethically sound way. If this is not achievable and widely available for all people, the Church does recognise there may be 'grave reasons' for using a vaccine which is developed from cell-lines associated with the unethical exploitation of the human remains of an aborted child in the past.

Our careful judgement on taking the vaccine will depend on our responsibilities to others. Whilst many may in good conscience judge that they will accept such a vaccine, some may in good conscience judge that they will not. If we do not receive this vaccination then we must do all we can to avoid harming the life or health of others and of our self.

As we enter this Advent season of joyful expectation, we ask God to guide us to make our world a better, healthier place.

God bless

Fr Paul



Peter Swinden RIP As we celebrate Peter Swinden's funeral this week, we continue to keep Peter and his family in our prayers. Under the current Covid restrictions, unfortunately **no more than 30 people** can attend either Peter's reception or funeral. Although many more may wish to be there, **unless Peter's family has contacted us, we will not be able to attend.**

Parish Feast Day – our feast day is the Solemnity the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we will celebrate Mass at Mary's at **6pm on Tuesday 8th December**. Although we will not be able to mingle or have our usual social afterwards, all are welcome.



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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/UCCgY-szDpsHcO5OUdBRz6zw/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.

Some Mass Parts

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

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.

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>

Our Collection For ideas on how to give to our parish mission while public Mass is suspended please see the 'News' page on the parish website: <https://www.stmarybrewood.org.uk/news.html>