



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 2nd May 2021 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**** 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=BorjZEkeoMM

Sun 2nd	*10am*	Fifth Sunday of Easter People of the parish
Mon 3rd		Feast of Sts Philip & James, A.
Tues 4th	11am-12pm	Feast of English Martyrs Prayer with May devotion
Wed 5th	9am	Easter feria George and Kathleen Ferguson RIP
Thurs 6th	9am	Easter feria Sick of the parish
Fri 7th	9am	Easter feria Those in government
Sat 8th	9am	Easter feria Prisoners and prison staff Followed by Confessions
Sun 9th	*9am* *11am*	Fifth Sunday of Easter People of the parish Private intention

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.

Sunday Masses Due to a steady increase in numbers attending Mass on Sunday mornings, from **Sunday 9th May** we will return to celebrating 2 Masses each Sunday – **9am & 11am**. Should Covid restrictions ease further, we will also be in touch with the vicar and PCC of St Michael's Anglican church, Penkridge, to see if it would be possible to begin using St Michael's church again to celebrate our 9am Mass.

Prayer to end Covid Pope Francis is requesting that during this **month of May** the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. Daily prayers will be centred on one of the 30 international Shrines to Our Lady. The highlight of the Shrine's day of prayer will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary, for the end of the pandemic and for the particular daily intention entrusted by Pope Francis, according to the directions provided in the Prayer Calendar. You can join in by coming to our **weekly Tuesday "Period of Prayer in May"** starting this Tuesday, 4th May, at **11.00am-1200 noon**. See "**EASTER REFLECTIONS**" page on our website for more details.

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

It is good to see that a few more people each week feel they are able to return to Mass on Sundays. We are still somewhat below our Covid capacity in church on Sundays but, so that people feel safe and well separated, from next Sunday 9th May we will return to celebrating two Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am.

It's been lovely to be able to celebrate Sunday Mass together as a whole parish over the last few months. Thanks again for the stewards who continue to allow us to do so safely. We are still feeling our way to how things may change in a month or two when hopefully restrictions ease. Our live-streaming was interrupted last week until I eventually found a switch had tripped. Technology!



It's nice to see the blossom coming out on the apple trees in our churchyard (right)

God bless.

Fr Paul

Donations towards New Church Camera So far, **donations** for the church camera have been **£700** (having cost **£3437** to install at a very competitive rate) - thank you very much. It is difficult time for many but if you wish to give towards this work, please send donations to the Presbytery – cheques payable to 'St Mary's, Brewood', maybe in an envelope marked 'Church camera'. If you wish to give by internet banking, please ring or email Fr Paul to get our bank account details.

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

Parish Website 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 to get to know the Bible better.



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Parts of the Mass

Response to Today's Psalm:

"You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly."

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.

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=BorjZEkeoMM If you wish to watch previously recorded liturgy, please go to: www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTe22RBcGdh9fOjeCwXiHq

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 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.