



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

***\*Two page newsletter - continued overleaf\****

**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/UCCqY-szDpsHcQ5OUdBRz6zw/featured>

<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Forth Sunday of Easter</b> Gerry DeLacy RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feast of the English Martyrs</b>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Easter FERIA</b>
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Easter FERIA</b> People of the parish
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Easter FERIA</b> Michelle Jones (birthday)
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Easter FERIA</b> Coronavirus sufferers and NHS staff
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Easter FERIA</b> Prisoners and prison staff
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Michael Marren 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.

**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>

### **Fr Paul writes:**

Dear All

I hope you are well and managing in these difficult weeks. We continue to pray for those who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus and for those who are supporting them. This week I came across a radio interview with newly ordained Fr John Waters from our diocese who is part of the support to the Nightingale Hospital Birmingham at the NEC. Fr John did a short placement in our parish when he was training to be a priest and you can hear speaking about hospital chaplaincy on Vatican Radio at:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-04/covid-19-the-hospital-chaplain-in-an-hour-of-need.html>

While we have limited control over where we can go during this lockdown, it helps if we keep a routine to our days and weeks; with things to look forward to during each day and week, like a favourite food, book or film. As much as we are physically able, we can benefit from daily exercise and enjoying nature.

One part of nature I've come across this week on my daily exercise is lots of flies in the hedgerows on country lanes. I think they are called St Mark's flies; so named because they emerge around the feast day of St Mark which is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> April. They are also known as Hawthorne flies; being common around woodland edges, fields, towns and gardens and apparently they last about a week.

Please look at the 'Standing Order' notice overleaf – in the long term I'd encourage this form of giving to keep down our need for administration and to help us budget in the future. I'm really grateful for your support at this trying time.

Archbishop Bernard has written a helpful pastoral letter this week and the Archbishops of England and Wales have sent us a message to keep our spirits up. Copies of both of these messages are next to this newsletter. I'm grateful for David Palmer for supporting us with tech-y things like the WhatsApp group and for Deacon Stephen who has added helpful links to the website; supporting our prayer and offering us renewal at this time.

God bless

Fr Paul

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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/>

**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. Also, **Val Lewis** on **01785 712714** is coordinating help to anyone in the Penkridge area who has to stay in and needs help with shopping / prescription collection. **Please also ring me if you need help.** If you know anyone who does not have access to the internet; please let them know of this news and maybe ring them occasionally if they are self-isolating.

**Mass Intentions** Fr. Paul will be 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 several ways to support your 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'.
- You could pay by **BACS payment**.
- You could also set up a **Standing Order** (even if you have a Gift Aid envelope)

**BACS Payments** If you wish to pay by BACS; please email us at: [stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com) with your telephone number and Teresa or Fr Paul can ring you to give you our bank account's 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 let us know the **date** and **amount of money** you have given 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 the amount and frequency you are intending to give.

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. If you post the form to your bank it would be helpful to let us know so that we can watch out for your donations to ensure all is well.

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.**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.