



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 9th May 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

**** Two page newsletter – see over leaf****

All liturgy below will be celebrated in **ST MARY'S CHURCH, BREWOOD** and will be live-streamed on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BorjZEkeoMM (this link is also on the top of the home page of our parish website)

Sun 9 th	*9am* *11am*	Sixth Sunday of Easter People of the parish Private intention
Mon 10 th		Easter feria
Tues 11 th	11am-12pm	Easter feria <i>Prayer with May devotion</i>
Wed 12 th	9am	Easter feria Pupils and staff of St Mary's school
Thurs 13 th	9am 6pm	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Sick of the parish Private intention
Fri 14 th	9am	Feast of Matthias, A. Those in government
Sat 15 th	9am	Easter feria Prisoners and prison staff Followed by Confessions
Sun 16 th	*9am* *11am*	Seventh Sunday of Easter Michael Marren RIP 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.

Donations towards Church Camera So far, **donations** towards the cost of the church camera have been **£1150** (having cost **£3437** to install at a very competitive rate) - thank you very much.

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"** between **11.00am-1200 noon**. See "**EASTER REFLECTIONS**" page on our website for more details.

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

This year, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost on Sunday 23rd May, fifty days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the apostles. A global prayer movement called 'Thy Kingdom Come' runs from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday and includes a Pentecost 'novena'; nine days of prayer for evangelisation and renewal of the Church.

A novena usually encourages us to pray for an intention as we prepare for a feast day. Our Diocese has invited us to pray the Pentecost novena for this fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, especially since it is through the Holy Spirit that we can encounter Jesus Christ and experience the love of God our Father. We will particularly need guidance from the Holy Spirit as we discern how we can best serve our communities as a parish and Diocese while we emerge from the pandemic.

This year we could pray a novena prayer on each of the nine days from Ascension Thursday, 13th May. One way could be to say the prayer to the Holy Spirit at some point on each day:

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray.

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."



Another way of praying a novena could be to download a leaflet of Pentecost prayers each day at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=49383da9-8c08-4328-9bd2-6808732413ef Having done this, we could set a time each day when we will take a moment of prayer (it takes about 10 minutes). Further details of the Pentecost Novena may be found on the parish website page: 'Eastertide Reflections'; clicking on the link, 'Preparing for Pentecost'.

God bless.

Fr Paul

Hednesford Pilgrimage 2021 Sadly, the Diocese will not be able to hold a *normal* pilgrimage at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, again this year with pilgrims from the Archdiocese and beyond. However, there will be two events involving parishioners from Hednesford and the surrounding area.
1.) Mass for the Diocesan Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage. The Archbishop will say mass at the Shrine on **Saturday May 22nd at 12 noon**. The Mass will be filmed and posted online on **Monday 31st May** as part of the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage. A small number of people are joining us from Birmingham, but the majority of the congregation will be local with musicians from Hednesford and Cannock parishes. If you would like to come, book a place by ringing 01543 422576 or emailing lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk
2.) Mass for the Diocesan Pilgrimage. On **Sunday June 20th at 3 pm**, Bishop Stephen, our new Area Bishop, will say mass at the Shrine. The Mass will be filmed and posted online on **Sunday July 4th** in place of the Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass.

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Parts of the Mass

Response to Today's Psalm:

"The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations."

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