



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 12th July 2020 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The Masses advertised below will *not* be in public but will be available on

Fr Paul's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCqY-szDpsHcQ5OUdBRz6zw/featured>

Sun 12th	10am	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary O'Mara RIP
Mon 13th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Tues 14th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Wed 15th	9am	Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of Church Pupils and staff of St Mary's school
	11am -12pm	Private prayer in St Mary's church
Thurs 9th	9am	Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Tessa and Tony Stevens (Diamond wedding anniversary)
Fri 10th	9am	Memorial of Blessed John Sugar, Priest, and Robert Grissold, Layman, Martyrs Coronavirus sufferers and all key workers
Sat 11th	9am	Feria in Ordinary Time Maura Rozankowski
	11am-12pm	Private prayer in St Mary's church
Sun 12th	10am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of Parish

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.

Private Prayer at St Mary's, Brewood On **Wednesday and Saturday between 11am and 12pm (**Note changed time**)** St Mary's church will be open for private prayer. The church will be laid out a bit differently to usual so that we can make it safe in line with Government guidelines but hopefully this will not distract us from prayer. A steward will welcome you and show you which seats have been reserved so that we can observe social distancing while we pray. Please follow the stewards' instructions and, when you leave, put a card you will be given on your seat to show someone and has sat there. Candles will be available to light if you wish.

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

It's been helpful to be in church for private prayer again over this week. In the presence of the Lord, we've been trying to think of a way that we can accommodate as many people as possible at Mass through the week as well as other church services.

Under the current guidance to keep us safe, St Mary's church can only accommodate about a third of those who would normally attend both the 9am and 11am parish Sunday Masses. This is because of the limitations of the church benches and the need to keep them Covid-free.



To overcome this, my suggestion is that we temporarily move the church benches out of the church into the Old School and use plastic chairs in church which should give us a much greater capacity. As long as we have the necessary number of stewards and cleaners, I would hope at some point to be able to celebrate up to 2 Masses on Sundays, regular weekday Masses and services like baptisms and weddings. The benches are an important, historic part of our church and will be replaced when they can be used again conveniently and safely.

To this end, could as many people as possible meet **at St Mary's church next Saturday 18th July at 12pm** to help to move the benches safely. This is a big job but many hands make light work. Thank you again to those who are stewarding and cleaning for prayer.

Our bishops have still suspended the Sunday obligation during the pandemic. If we can get to Mass at local churches or ours when we are up and running, we are encouraging to attend Mass on weekdays instead Sundays to make room for those who need to attend on this day.

God bless

Fr Paul



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COVID-19 Virus As mention overleaf, our church is now open for private prayer during the week but; at the time of writing, we do not have the capacity to accommodate Mass at St Mary's under the current COVID-19-secure guidelines. For those who are unable to attend Mass, 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/UCCgY-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/>

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/BpKF76Z32oCFgwC57nd2Gj>

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 **Penkrige**; the Penkrige Support Group can be contacted on 07388 467660 or on Facebook. **Please also ring or email me if you need help.** If you know anyone who does not have access to the internet; please post them a copy of this newsletter and maybe ring them occasionally if they are self-isolating.

CAFOD Coronavirus appeal The Covid-19 virus has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in several countries where the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) works. Its spread to countries with poor health systems will be devastating. CAFOD's local experts need our support to continue protecting lives. We can donate to their work at the following website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

Mass Intentions Fr. Paul is 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'. If you are offering Mass for someone who has passed away, it is usual for you to add 'RIP' to the end of their name. Thank you.

Our Collection There are few ways to support our 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'. If you normally give by the envelope scheme could you also enclose **the number of your envelope**.
- You could pay by **BACS payment**.
- You could also set up a **Standing Order** (even if you have a Gift Aid envelope)
- You could give **Online** via the Diocese website.

BACS Payments To pay by BACS, please email us at: stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com with your telephone number so that Teresa or Fr Paul can ring you to give you our bank account details (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 also let us know the **date** and **amount of money** you have given and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way) so we can update the records. You can do this by email: 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 by email the **amount** and **frequency** you are intending to give and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way).

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. Please also let us know by email the **amount** and **frequency** you are intending to give and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way).

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

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**. If you are already registered for gift aid and are giving via the Diocese online; can you please let us know the **date** and **amount of money** you have given and your **envelope number** (if you normally give this way) so we can update the records. You can do this by email: stmarysrcbrewood@hotmail.com

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the mission of our parish.