



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 19th July 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Two page, 3 week newsletter - continued overleaf

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 19 th	10am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bridie Davis RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 20 th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Tues 21 st		Feria in Ordinary Time
Wed 22 nd	*No private prayer today*	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Thurs 23 rd		Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe
Fri 24 th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Sat 25 th	11am-12pm	Feast of St James, Apostle <i>Private prayer in St Mary's church</i>
Sun 26 th		Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 27 th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Tues 28 th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Wed 29 th	11am -12pm	Memorial of St Martha <i>Private prayer in St Mary's church</i>
Thurs 30 th		Feria in Ordinary Time
Fri 31 st		Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola
Sat 1 st August	11am-12pm	Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop <i>Private prayer in St Mary's church</i>
Sun 2 nd		Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 3 rd		Feria in Ordinary Time
Tues 4 th		Memorial of St John Vianney
Wed 5 th	9am 11am -12pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Emily O'Byrne RIP, <i>Private prayer in St Mary's church</i>
Thurs 6 th	9am	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Sick and housebound
Fri 7 th	9am	Feria in Ordinary Time Coronavirus sufferers and key workers
Sat 8 th	9am 11am-12pm	Memorial of St Dominic Prisoners and prison staff <i>Private prayer in St Mary's church</i>
Sun 9 th	10am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

On Thursday this week we finished a very unusual summer term at St Mary's primary school with a special celebration of our first public parish Mass outdoors with Year 6. We thanked God for their time at St Mary's and I was joined by a large swarm of flies so had to wear a hat.



This was followed in the afternoon by a socially-distanced assembly on the school field. It was lovely to have our Year 6 parents join us as the children reflected on their time at St Mary's and I joined them by playing the drums to their leaving songs - a fantastic rock n' roll performance!



I'm on my summer leave for the next two weeks so if you wish to follow Mass during this time you will need to join Mass at another parish. There are a number of local parishes in the diocese which are celebrating Mass in public and many livestream their Masses which can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-with-live-streams> Mass at St Chad's Cathedral can be followed at <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> We are hoping to be able to celebrate Mass in church soon after I return in August.

Thank you to so many people who have supported the parish through difficult recent months; especially those who are stewarding. If anyone is away on holiday, I hope you have a good time and return refreshed.

God bless

Fr Paul

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 Apart from this coming Wednesday 22nd July, St Mary's church will be open for private prayer on **Wednesdays and Saturdays between 11am and 12pm.**

continued overleaf...

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.

