



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 August 2020 **Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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Unless otherwise indicated, from Wednesday 12th August, Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's church at the following times:

Sun 9th	*10am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish (*Mass in private – live-streamed)
Mon 10th		Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon. Martyr
Tues 11th		Memorial of St Clare, Virgin
Wed 12th	9am	Feria in Ordinary Time Coronavirus sufferers and key workers
Thurs 13th	9am	Feria in Ordinary Time Sick and housebound
Fri 14th	9am	Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr Daniel Smith RIP
Sat 15th	9am	Feria in Ordinary Time Prisoners and prison staff
Sun 16th	9am 11am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish (at St Mary's, Brewood; not St Michael's) Edward Barnshaw 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.

Masses at St Mary's during the Pandemic:

Those attending Mass must:

- Wear a face covering
- Remain 1 metre or more apart
- Sanitise your hands on entry & leaving church
- Follow the direction signs
- Listen to the stewards
- Leave a 'chair used' sheet on seat
- Not have any Covid-19 symptoms

During Mass there are No...

- Hymn books or singing
- Children's liturgy
- Offertory procession
- Bidding prayers
- Physical sign of peace
- Chalice distribution
- Collection baskets passed around (collection plates available on way out)

Fr Paul writes:

Dear All

Hurrah! From this coming Wednesday we will be able to start celebrating public Mass in St Mary's church for the first time since the start of the lockdown.

Things are a bit different at St Mary's. There are lists of do's and don't set out in the box below to make sure we stay safe. There seems to be a lot to remember but I'm sure we will soon get into the routine. It will be so good to be able to celebrate Mass together again.



So that we can make best use of our church and be able to celebrate regular Masses, we have temporarily replaced our benches with chairs (see right). These will

be sanitised after each Mass. Please follow the advice given below and the direction of stewards. Thank you to all our stewards/ cleaners. If you would like to volunteer for this work; especially on Sundays; please let Pam Moon or myself know.

As you can see from the Mass times, subject to the availability of stewards, we are hoping to celebrate Mass at St Mary's on Wednesdays to Saturdays at 9am and Sundays at 9am and 11am.

When we reach our seating capacity in church we will unfortunately have to turn people away. I think this will be unlikely because our capacity is around the number of people who normally attend our Sunday Masses; especially with households (e.g. couples and families) being able to sit together. However, to avoid disappointment, I suggest that those who normally attend Mass at St Michael's church, Penkridge, could come to the 9am Sunday Mass and those who come to the 11am Sunday Brewood Mass attend the 11am Mass. The Sunday obligation is still suspended so those who can attend on weekdays may wish to attend Mass on weekdays rather than Sundays. After we've been going a couple of weeks I could probably update this advice.

The changes of the seasons carry on with our churchyard apples ripening and the marguerites by the parish hall in bloom. Fruit seems to ripen earlier each year. Thanks to Mike Bates and family for having looked after the flower borders.



God bless

Fr Paul

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COVID-19 Virus As mention overleaf, we can now celebrate Mass at St Mary's church. However, the Bishops of England and Wales have still suspended our Sunday Mass obligation and for those who feel unable to attend Mass, the bishops 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.

Parish WhatsApp group The parish WhatsApp group has been well used during the pandemic and will still be a good way to share news. 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>

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. **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 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 You can give to the mission of the parish by putting cash on collection plates on the way out after Mass but you may wish to consider alternatives:

- 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.