

The Second Sunday Before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15 to end

Psalm 65

Revelation 4

Luke 8.22-25

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gluten Free Wafers - whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers are available.

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Sunday 23rd February 2025

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**SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION –
FEBRUARY/MARCH**

Sunday 23 February

10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 24 February

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 25 February

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 26 February

10am Midweek Eucharist with hymns and songs

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 27 February

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 2 March

10am Morning Prayer

All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am on Monday and Tuesday this week. Please note that there is no morning prayer at St Mary's on Wednesday 26 February.

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Bob, Carol, Steph Randall, Pam, Fran and Peter, Tim Dalloway, Anne-Marie, Chris Hemsley, Angela, Winnifred Quirke, Winston Sharpe, Reagan, Carole, Jayne Timmins, Carol, John Timmins, Lainey, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Eileen Knight, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Liz Cross.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: David Hughes, Sarah Andrews, Edna Smith, Helen Gregg, Norimar Kepler, Baby Cleo Eloise Stella Saini, Sheila Edwards

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for February
Loving Father, please look after each precious family, giving them comfort and the knowledge that there is always a safe home on the journey of life with You. Amen.

Book – Tiddler

Please pray for the people that live in Wyncroft Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.

Church of the Ascension School As part of our Church/School Partnership, each week we are going to be sharing some prayers from the children for you to remember during your prayer at home during the week. These are this week's prayers that remind them to pray a **thank you** prayer, a **sorry** prayer and/or a **please** prayer.

- ❖ Dear God. **Sorry** for the things I have done wrong. **Amen.**
- ❖ Dear God. **Thanks** for all the animals we have so we are not alone. **Amen.**
- ❖ Dear God. **Please** give me happiness and love so I can respect others. **Amen.**

Prayer and Praise Eucharist at Fr Mel's The next meeting will be on Monday March 3rd at 7pm. As usual it's at 14 Beech Tree Close DY6 7DR.

Electoral Roll Officer After many years of dedicated service Margaret Jones is retiring from being our electoral roll officer once the full revision is completed during March. _Do you think God is calling you to this important ministry for the church?

If you're interested or just want to know more then please speak to Margaret or Fr Adam and you would be able to shadow Margaret over the next few months!

Rebecca and Brendon are pleased to announce the safe delivery of Penelope Daisy, born Monday 17th February, weighing 7lbs 9oz. A beautiful daughter and sister to Fliss.

We would like to thank all our church family for all your loving kind prayers and are looking forward to you all meeting her soon 😊

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY FROM FR ADAM

Ash Wednesday 2025 - Wednesday 5th March.

As you know (because I mention it every year), Ash Wednesday is a day of obligation where Christians should try their best to attend church to begin their Lent Pilgrimage. At both of our churches we also offer to ash the foreheads of those who come. We will once again be offering two services this year so that as many people can come even if it might not be to your regular church.

- **10am at Church of the Ascension**
- **7.30pm at St Mary's**

Following the morning service, Mthr Sarah and Fr Chris will be taking ashes-to-go into the wider community. Curious to find out more? Speak to Mthr Sarah.

A MESSAGE FROM FR MEL

PARISH WIDE LENT GROUPS will be happening this year at five venues on different days and times of day each week so you can choose a group that's most convenient to you.

Fr Mel has written **a short course of just four weeks** about **Healing and the Ministry of Christians**. This is to go along with Fr. Adam's concern that the ministry of healing takes a more upfront place in our worship gatherings. And we're talking here about a holistic view of illness – from an emotional, mental, relational, spiritual as well as physical aspect.

Five groups are on offer and details are on the big noticeboard beside the font.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

A chance to explore some of the basics of the Christian faith for those who are preparing for confirmation, or for those who would like to revisit their own faith foundations.

Topics will include

- Who is Jesus and why did he die?
- What is the Bible and how should we read it?
- What is the Church?
- What about the Creeds?
- What is Holy Communion?

Everyone is welcome to come and join in and learn from each other.

Tuesday evenings 7:30pm, March 18th & 25th, April 1st & 8th

Speak to Fr Chris if you are interested 07562 949395

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