

First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Psalm 91.1,2,9-end,
Romans 10.8b-13 and Luke 4.1-13

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for March

God, You give us Your love, even when things go wrong. Fill these parents with Your peace, even when things don't go to plan. Amen.

Book Handa's Surprise

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

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

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MARCH

Sunday 9 March

10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 10 March

7.30pm Lent Group at Fr Mel's – 14 Beech Tree Close

Tuesday 11 March

2.30pm Lent Group at Jill's – 30 Stallings Lane

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12 March – Ash Wednesday

10am Midweek Eucharist with Hymns and Songs

5pm Evening Prayer

6.15pm Lent Group @ Church of the Ascension

Thursday 13 March

10am Mainly Music

2.30pm Lent Group at Jane's – 25 Foundry Street, Wall Heath

7.30pm Lent Group at Jenny's – 17 Clover Lane, Wall Heath

Sunday 16 March

10am Morning Prayer

All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

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, Sarah, Denise, Harold.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Helen Gregg, Bernard Shakespeare, Carol Cartwright, Eileen Knight, Pauline Heathcock.

Please email any notices and items for this weekly newsletter to Lindsey in the parish office by Thursday for printing on Fridays. Thank you.

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Church of the Ascension School

These are this week's prayers that remind the children to pray a **thank you** prayer, a **sorry** prayer and/or a **please** prayer.

- ❖ Dear God, Thanks for all the animals we have so we are not alone. Amen
- ❖ Sorry for the things I have done wrong.
- ❖ God thank you for us, thank you for my school, thank you for myself. Amen.

Fr. Mel's Prayer Meeting will morph into a Lent Group, so if you've been coming on a Monday just turn up but a bit later! So, future dates and times:- March 10th 7.30pm, March 17th 7.30pm, March 24th 7.30pm, March 31st 7.30pm. Then back to the fortnightly meetings from April 14th at 7pm.

Team Service in March

March is a five-week month and so usually the final Sunday of the month would be a team service but this is Mothering Sunday and we've decided that we should offer a service in both churches that day.

Therefore, so we have a chance to worship together, **Sunday 23 March at 10am** will be a team service at St Mary's. Please make a note in your diary and let people know who may have missed this notice.

Annual Meetings

The annual meeting for Church of the Ascension will be on **Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm** in church. Please do your best to attend this important meeting. Our annual parish meeting will then be on **Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm** in church. Again, please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Festivals which shape our lives and discipleship

It was amazing to see so many people coming out to church on Ash Wednesday. For the first time in many, many years we hit over 100 people attending an Ash Wednesday service (104 to be precise). It's these moments of particular importance during the year which support our ongoing discipleship and I'm really enthused to see this and I hope the service and it's words and symbols and sacraments spoke deeply into you.

The next big set of services come during Holy Week. Holy Week is a journey, a pilgrimage with Jesus and I really encourage you to get the big dates in your diary now and come and experience one of the most profound and important weeks in human history. All the details are on postcards at the back of church but the big ones to try and attend are Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and then Easter Day. These days have inspired my faith every year since I started doing them all and I absolutely commend them to you – a journey with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.