

The Third Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 9: 1-6 *Psalm 30* *Revelation 5: 11-end* John 21: 1-19

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for May

Lord God, thank You that You created us all with an amazing capacity for love and compassion. We pray that when faced with injustice, You will equip this family with the gifts of boldness, courage and discernment to bring about your will. **Amen.**

Book: What The Ladybird Heard

***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 will be available.

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MAY

Sunday 4 May

10am Morning Prayer

Monday 5 May – BANK HOLIDAY NO EVEING PRAYER

Tuesday 6 May

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 7 May

10am Midweek Eucharist with Hymns and Songs

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 8 May

10am Mainly Music

10.30-11am VE Day Outdoor Service at Kingswinford RBL

Sunday 11 May

10am Sung Eucharist

**All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's
at 8.30am on 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, Lainey, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Liz Cross, Sarah, Denise, Harold, Craig Stevens, Kirsty, Edgar Green, Harry, Janet.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Diane Smith, Thomas Smith, John Thompson, Jean Bengree, Kevin Cook, Geoffrey Clay.

Jean Bengree's funeral will be at 1.30pm on Wednesday 7th May at St Mary's followed by cremation at Gornal Wood. Tea and cake will be served in the Church Centre after the service.

Jill and her family invite their church family to join them to celebrate Jean's life.

Fr. Mel's Prayer Next Meeting is on
Monday 12th May at the usual time of 7pm. Everyone welcome!

Confirmations We are delighted that two of our congregation members - Sonia and Barbara - are being confirmed on **Sunday 11th May 5:30pm** at St Michael's Church in Brierley Hill. Please come along and support them as they mark this new chapter in their Christian journey, and please pray for them over the next couple of weeks.

Annual Meetings Thank you to everyone who attended the annual meeting for Church of the Ascension last Tuesday.

Our annual parish meeting will be on **Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm** in church. Again, please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Have you considered being a school governor? A vacancy will arise in September for someone from our church community to be on the school board at Church of the Ascension C.E. Primary School to support and act as a "critical friend" alongside staff and parents. It involves three evening meetings each term, with training provided, and is a very rewarding activity. Please speak to Fr Adam or Chris, Sheila or Mary if you would like to know more.

Ascension Day Our patronal Eucharist for Ascension Day will be at Church of the Ascension at **7pm on Thursday 29 May**. Archdeacon Nikki will be leading the service and there will be cheese and wine in the hall afterwards. The school playground will be open for people to park on. All are very welcome and please spread the word!

Fr Chris' Priesting and first Mass Everyone is welcome to attend Worcester Cathedral on **Saturday 28 June at 2pm** when Fr Chris will be ordained as a Priest by Bishop Martin. The following day on **Sunday 29 June at 11am** (note the time change) will be the first time that Fr Chris presides at the Eucharist and this service will be at St Mary's followed by a bring a share lunch in the hall. Fr Rob Jones, the former Archdeacon of Worcester, will be preaching. Please do come and support Fr Chris during these two exceptionally important days for him and the church.

VE Day Coffee Morning There will be a celebratory community coffee morning at St Mary's on **Thursday 8th May** from 10-12. Everyone is welcome!



PARISH RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ So, has anyone brought any photos of church life past?
- ❖ Any memories you'd like to jot down on one of the pieces of paper by the board?

Hopefully, they'll be the beginning of memories that we can share and celebrate. After all, we are where we are today as a result of our past - individually and as a church community.