

Sunday 8th June 2025

Newsletter

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – JUNE

Sunday 8 June

10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 9 June

7pm Fr Mel's Prayer Meeting

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10 June

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11 June

10am Midweek Said Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 12 June

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 15 June

10am Sung Eucharist

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

<u>Pray for our sick</u> 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, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Sarah, Denise, Harold, Craig Stevens, Kirsty, Harry, Janet.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Ivor Watson, Margaret O'Sullivan.

Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall in our parish and for the people who care for them.

Fr. Mel's Prayer Meeting is happening tomorrow evening Monday 9 June at 7pm.

Fr Chris is on holiday but we have Dave Shaw, Music Minister at Top Church, with us to lead us in our sung worship.

Do come! As usual, we're at 14 Beech Tree Close DY6 7DR)

<u>Corpus Christi Eucharist</u> To celebrate Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion otherwise know as Corpus Christi there will be a Eucharist finishing with Benediction on **Thursday 19 June at 70pm** at St Mary's.

All are welcome where we will also bless the community with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the service.

<u>Fr Chris' Priesting and first Mass</u> Fr Chris will be ordained as a Priest by Bishop Martin **Saturday 28th June, 2pm**.

<u>Coach to Worcester</u> Those of you who have booked a seat on the coach to Worcester for Fr Chris's priesting at the cathedral, please note. The coach will be leaving the Village, Kingswinford (St Mary's church) at 12 noon and will pick up in Wall Heath by Church of the Ascension (bus stop by the school) at 12.15pm. Please be prompt for departure.

The coach will then pick us back up at 5pm outside the cathedral.

Fr Chris will preside his first Eucharist **Sunday 29 June at 11am** (note the time change) 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.

<u>Mainly Music - the new rota is now in place.</u> Your baking support is greatly appreciated by the Mainly Music team and the adults who enjoy it with a drink.

A thank you. Mary and her family would like to thank everyone who attended Edgar's funeral. A difficult service made easier thanks to your presence together with the beautiful singing by the choirs which brought together the music and hymns that he loved being sung by his friends. With love.

Please note the <u>amended</u> date of the next **Coffee Morning at St Mary's** which will be **Thursday 12**th **June 10-12.** They happen on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and everyone is welcome.



PARISH RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT

"Saul went to the synagogues in Damascus to find any followers of the Way of the Lord." Acts 9.2

Did you know that our first sisters and brothers, the Early Church, were originally referred to as 'followers of the Way'?

'The Way' – they were seen as a Movement. They were going somewhere. Not static. They had a sense of direction. Clearly, that's what God wanted and the Holy Spirit gave.

And that's what our current emphasis on 'Parish Development' seeks to recover. A parish, two church communities, with a sense of direction – people, followers of the Way, the Way of Jesus.

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

Day of Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 11: 1-9

Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b

Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<u> Baptism Preparation – Prayer for June</u>

Loving God, we thank You that You have the names of all parents on Your hand, that You knew them before they were born and that you love them so much. We pray that they can reflect that deep love as they love and care for their children.

Amen.

Book: Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs

<u>Teaspoon Prayers (TSP)</u> – a thank you, a sorry and a please prayer from the children at Church of the Ascension School

- Dear God. Thank you for blessing me. Amen
- ❖ I am sorry for the times I have hurt my sister. **Amen**
- Please make me a better person. Amen

Please pray for all those being ordained in our Diocese in June

Priests: Peter Greaves, Dean Hall, Gilly Maxim, Tim O'Leary, Prajna Pal-Lad, Chris Smith, Sarah Tranter

Deacons: Paul Latham, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes, Jon Turner

Gluten Free Wafers

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers will be available.

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