



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 19th April

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
4:00 pm Pause, Pray Ponder & Praise

Monday 20th April

5 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21st April

5 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd February

10 am Midweek Eucharist
5 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd February

10:00 am Mainly Music

Sunday 26th April

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

*All are welcome to Morning Prayer at
St Mary's at 8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday
and Wednesday this week.*



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Pray for our sick and those who care for them:

Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Chris Hemsley, Rev'd Beryl Pritchard, John Whitby, John Timmins, Brian and Jackie Wilson, Jayne Walker, Kerry, Brian, Rogerio Ponticelli, Sandra Mee, Julia, Robert Baker and MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently departed:

Evelyn Stretch

Prayers from the children at Church of the Ascension School:

- Sorry God, for being mean to others. **Amen.**
- Thank you Jesus for all the people that I know and thank you for the world. **Amen**

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

Baptism preparation:

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

*Loving father, bless this family with the ability to love unconditionally even in the hardest moments. Help them realise what Jesus gave up so that they can know love and life. **Amen.***

A note from Fr. Adam

Towards the end of April and into May we will be entering our annual meeting cycle and there will be important elections taking place for a number of different committees.

The dates of the meetings are:

- St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting – Wednesday 29 April at 7.30pm in church
- Church of the Ascension Annual District Church Meeting – Wednesday 6 May at 7.30pm in church
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Wednesday 27 May at 7.30pm at St Mary's

Each church has elections for:

- 2 Church Wardens
- 2 Deanery Synod reps
- 1 PCC member
- 3 DCC members

Please really pray to discern if God is calling you to any of these roles.



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Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise

A new reflective service is being held on the third Sunday of the month by Chris Knight at [Church of the Ascension](#).

The next one is being held this Sunday 19th April at 4:00 pm
It will be a service when you will have time to just sit quietly with God.

Everyone is welcome.

Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

The next meeting is on **Monday 20th April at 7.30 pm** at
14 Beech Tree Close. ALL welcome!



The next Community Coffee Morning at St Mary's



is on **Thursday 23rd April 10:00 – 12noon**

Hearts on Fire service

All are welcome to this contemporary, charismatic mass that is held on the second Sunday of the month at [St Mary's](#).

The next service will be on **Sunday, 10th May at 4:00 pm**.
Come just as you are to worship.

Social – Race Night



Race Night We are holding a race night **Saturday 16th May**. Tickets are £7 and include a hot pork bap and big raffle prizes are available with proceeds split between church and The Children's Society.

Please contact Becky on 07521 739404 for tickets.

A note from Grace – First Aid Training

We will be running Parish First Aid Training. If you wish to join and support our Parish in being a safe and secure space.

Please let Grace know by the end of April when courses will be booked.

A note from Mary – Mainly Music

All help is very welcome at our lovely Thursday morning sessions but if you are able to help with providing cake this would be very much appreciated.

There is a rota at the back of Church for you to sign up. Thank you 😊



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Sunday 19th April – 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 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-end

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

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.**

Parish Development

Holy Week and Easter

This Holy Week and Easter saw a great number of you coming to worship and follow Jesus through the events of Holy Week and Easter. It's the biggest celebration of the Christian year and underpins our faith and taking this journey is a key part of our development as disciples.

Across the parish:

Palm Sunday	151
Maundy Thursday	74
Good Friday	142
Vigil	60
Easter Day	191

Can you help?

We have been approached for donations of suitcases to help the Asylum Seekers that are in temporary accommodation locally. Please bring any cases that you are able to donate into church and we will arrange to pass them on. **Thank you for your support.**

Gluten Free Wafers

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