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Newsletter 28 April – 5 May 2024

5th Sunday of EASTER Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 27 April	Mass 9.30am	Ann O'Shaughnessy RIP	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 28 April 5 th Sunday of Easter	Mass 11am	John McLoughlin RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 29 April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA			
Tuesday 30 April St Pius V	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		Mass 10am
Wednesday 1 May St Joseph the Worker	Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10am
Thursday 2 May St Athanasius			Mass 7pm
Friday 3 May SS PHILIP & JAMES	Rosary 7pm		Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction
Saturday 4 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Mass 9.30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 5 May 6 th Sunday of Easter	Mass 11am Refreshments	People of the Parish	Mass 9.15am



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

9.15 on Wednesday, 10am on Saturday or by appointment with Fr Lee

Tuesday 30 April is a **Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse.

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter year B Psalter week 1

Ent antiphon O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown deliverance., Alleluia!

1st reading Acts 9: 26-31. *Barnabus explained how the Lord had appeared to Paul on his journey.*

Response **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. x3**

2nd reading 1 John 3: 18-24. *His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

Gospel John 15: 1-8. *Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

Comm ant **I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord, Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia!**



† Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Norma Hunter** who has recently died, and for her family and friends. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Friday 3 May at 1230pm. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers ... Eddie Hickey, Freya Jackson, Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, David Smith, Niall Gallivan, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian & Dawn Huxley, Shane McGroggan, and all sick and housebound of the parish.

The Pope's Intentions for Prayer May: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Please pray for the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Morocco, Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen and Iraq and all countries affected by unrest and conflict; pray for an end to war, and for peace.



New Translation of the Bible Readings at Mass to the ESV version will be introduced on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 1 December 2024. We are now starting to receive adverts from companies offering pre-ordering discounts for the new Missals, I will see who offers the best deal for the best quality and advertise this on the newsletter. If there is a discount for purchasing multiple copies I will advertise this deal. Alternatively, for the technically minded, it is possible to sign up for the **Universalis** App on your phone for a one-off payment of £10 and it will automatically update all future changes.



A Year of Encounter With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on Sat 4 May to learn more.

Pilgrimage to Knock Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, Sunday 16 June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



Year of Prayer 2024 Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! **On Wed 15 May 7pm-8pm**. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Doctors of the Church: 10/37 St Bonaventure 1221-1274 'The Seraphic Doctor' Born Giovanni, son of a physician, he entered the Franciscans at 22, studied in Paris where he graduated together with Thomas Aquinas, and went on to become Master of the School. He was the greatest mystical theologian of the Middle Ages. At 36 he was appointed as Minister-General of the Franciscans, and his diligence and reform led many to call him the second founder. In 1273 he was reluctantly elected cardinal archbishop of Albano and drew up the agenda for the Council of Lyons. He wrote the official Life of St Francis, and many treatises, but is best remembered for his humble simplicity and courtesy. Feast Day 15 July. He is the patron saint of those with bowel disorders (having had a serious illness in childhood and attributing his cure to St Francis). "In all your deeds and words, you should look on Jesus as your model, whether you are keeping silence or speaking, whether you are alone or with others".



Market Drayton Presbytery The ground floor will be used for the Parish Office, a Meeting Room for refreshments etc, and for storage. There will be a tenant resident upstairs.



Refreshments after Mass Get to know your fellow parishioners: On the 1st Sunday of each month, after Mass, in the Presbytery. All are welcome. Volunteers are still needed to help with serving the refreshments. please see Fr Lee, Deacon Wilf or Helen.

Offertory	21.04.24	Loose plate £107.20	Envelopes £76.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £364.26	THANK YOU
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