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Newsletter 18 - 25 August 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 17 August			Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 18 August 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Michael Bonner RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 19 August <i>St John Eudes</i>			Mass 10:00am
Tuesday 20 August <i>St Bernard</i>	Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 21 August <i>St Pius X</i>	Mass 10:00am	Elizabeth Heseltine RIP	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 22 August <i>Queenship of BVM</i>			Mass 10:00am Exposition & Benediction
Friday 23 August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	No Rosary		
Saturday 24 August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Mass 09:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 25 August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Thomas McNulty RIP	Mass 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

9:15 Wednesday, 10:00am Saturday or by appointment with Fr Lee

No Rosary on Friday this week

Readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 4

Ent antiphon Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

1st reading Proverbs 9: 1-6. *Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.*

Response Taste and see that the Lord is good. x4

2nd reading Ephesians 5: 15-20. *Recognise what is the will of God,*

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel John 6: 51-58. *My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink*

Comm ant With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.





The Pope's Intentions for Prayer August: For Political Leaders Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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.

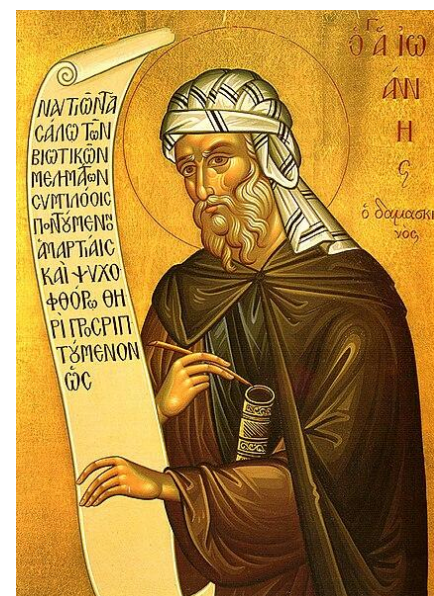


Peace Please pray for the people of **Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Morocco, Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen and Iraq** and all those in countries affected by, unrest and conflict; pray for an end to war, and for peace.

Evening Prayer and Rosary All are welcome to our friendly groups who meet over Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm for Evening Prayer of the Church (Divine Office), and in Church on Fridays at 7pm for the Rosary. To join the Zoom, send your email address to stthomasandstephen@gmail.com. Please note no Rosary this Friday.



Doctors of the Church 22/37 St John Damascene c690 – 749. Feast Day 4 December. Born in Damascus, Syria, son of a Christian official in the court of the Khalif, after a good education he succeeded to his father's post for some years. He then became a monk at the monastery of St Sabas near Jerusalem. He defended the veneration of icons against the emperor, and wrote *On the True Faith*, summing up and expanding the early Christian theology. He is sometimes called Doctor of the Assumption after writing on that topic. He was the last of the Greek Fathers, and the first of the Christian Aristotelians. In 1890, he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII. He is Patron Saint of painters, pharmacists and people missing limbs (according to legend his severed right hand was restored). He was the greatest hymn writer of the eastern church, including the Easter hymn:



393 *The Day of Resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal From earth unto the sky
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.*



SPUC: Two-Child Benefit Cap Petition There is a form in the porch, to sign if you wish, and also cards to send, petitioning the government for the removal of the two-child cap on benefits.



Market Drayton Foodbank Bingo - Bingo Evening to raise funds for the Market Drayton Foodbank, on Thursday 29 August, 7-9pm at the Parish Rooms, Church Street, Market Drayton TF9 1AF. £5 per book, £3 per flyer, £1 for a strip of raffle tickets. Refreshments available during the interval, Come along for a fun evening.



Offertory	04.08.24	Loose plate £68.33	Envelopes £52.50	St Orders £181.06	Total £301.89	Thank You
	11.08.24	£108.58	£63.10	£181.06	£352.74	

Refreshments after Mass are on the 1st Sunday of the month
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