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Newsletter 25 August- 1 September 2024
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 24 August	Mass 09:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 25 August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Thomas McNulty RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 26 August <i>Blessed Dominic of Mother of God</i>			
Tuesday 27 August St Monica	Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 28 August St Augustine	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Margaret Heseltine	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 29 August Passion of John the Baptist			Mass 7:00pm
Friday 30 August SS M Clitherow, M Ward, Anne Line	Requiem Mass 12:30 Rosary 7:00pm	Brian Ramsden RIP	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 31 August	Mass 09:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 1 September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Lyn Wilcox RIP	Mass 9:15am

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

Readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 1

Ent antiphon Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God, Have mercy on me O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

1st reading Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18. *We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.*

Response Taste and see that the Lord is good. x4

2nd reading Ephesians 5: 21-32. *The mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.*

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel John 6: 60-69. *Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.*

Comm ant **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**



† Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Brian Ramsden RIP** who has recently died, and for his family and friends. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at SS Thomas & Stephen Market Drayton on Friday 30 August at 12:30pm followed by cremation at Telford Crematorium at 2:30pm.

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of **June Fielding RIP** who has recently died, and for her family and friends. Her Funeral Service will take place here at SS Thomas & Stephen Market Drayton on Thursday 5 September at 12:00 noon, followed by burial at Market Drayton Cemetery.

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alice Ledger RIP**, former parishioner, who has recently died, and for her family and friends.

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Penny Harding RIP** who has recently died, and for her family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



The Pope's Intentions for Prayer in 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 care of those who have lost their jobs, and giving priority to the poor.

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 continue to 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 ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com



SPUC: Two-Child Benefit Cap Petition There is a form in the porch, to sign if you wish, and cards to send, petitioning the government for the removal of the 2-child cap on benefits.

Doctors of the Church 23/37 Bede the Venerable 672-735 Father of English History The only Doctor of the Church of English birth, was born at Wearmouth, Northumbria, and from about the age of 7 was sent to school at the Monasteries of Wearmouth and adjoining Jarrow, where he lived for the rest of his life, probably never travelling further than York and Lindisfarne. He was trained by Benedict Biscop, ordained by St John of Beverly, and was always a simple and busy monk, a model of stability and detachment, His *History of the English Church and People* is readable and still in print. It popularised the dating of events in history from the time of Christ's birth – Anno Domini. He was the first known writer in English, and is buried in Durham Cathedral. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1899 by Pope Leo XIII. A Metro station near Jarrow in Tyne and Wear is named Bede. He is a patron of scholars and historians. His feast is 25 May. *"I have devoted my energies to studies of the Scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church: study, teaching and writing have been my delight"*.



Market Drayton Foodbank Bingo - Bingo Evening to raise funds for the Foodbank, this 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	18.08.24	Loose plate £109.85	Envelopes £52.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £342.91	Thank You
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Refreshments after Mass: **Next Sunday 1 September**

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