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Newsletter 1-8 September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 31 August	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 1 September 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Lyn Wilcox RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 2 September <i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday 3 September ST GREGORY THE GREAT	Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 4 September <i>St Cuthbert</i>	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 5 September <i>Feria</i>	12:00noon Funeral Service	June Fielding RIP	Mass 7:00pm
Friday 6 September <i>Feria</i>	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 7 September	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 8 September 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Fr Anthony Wild (Ordination Ani.)	Mass 9:15am



Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 Wednesday, 10:00am Saturday

or by appointment with Fr Lee

World Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation

Season of Creation 1 September – 4 October (Feast of St Francis) *see over page*

Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 2

Ent antiphon Have mercy on me O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you

1st reading Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8. *Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.*

Response The just will live in the presence of the Lord x3

2nd reading James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27. *You must do what the word tells you.*

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

Gospel Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23. *You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.*

Comm ant How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



† 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 to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, celebrated on 1 September, kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days, until the feast of St Francis on 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The theme this year is **'Hope and act with Creation'** drawn from the St Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Pope's Intentions for Prayer September: For the Cry of the Earth Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.



The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Pity, whose memorial the Church celebrates on 15 September.

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 sstomasandstephen@gmail.com



SPUC: Two-Child Benefit Cap Petition This cap is causing unnecessary suffering and is unworthy of a caring society 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.

Advance Notice We are hoping to start a course of Catechesis which we hope will begin towards the end of September. This is designed for anyone wanting to know more about the faith. They will hopefully run in six-week blocks over the next year, The course we have chosen is not too demanding, but will help us explore our faith a little more in depth. Keep an eye out for the dates and times of the meetings, there will also be a sign-up sheet so that we know how many people to expect. There will be daytime and evening sessions each week, so hopefully most people who wish to attend can do so.

Doctors of the Church 24/37 St Ephrem the Syriac 306-373

Declared a Doctor of the Church (Doctor of the Syrians) by Pope Benedict XV in 1920, his Feast Day is 9 June. He was born in Nisibis, Turkey but later was in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq). He was ordained a deacon, unwilling to be ordained to the priesthood, and lived a hermit's life; his fame rests on his theological writings, written in a dialect of Aramaic which became Syriac, rich and elegant in style. He also composed over 400 hymns, written in Syriac, and designed for popular use, to counteract heretics who spread their doctrines by means of sung verses. Shortly before his death there was a famine during which he was the leader in organising help for the sick which included organising litters for use as ambulances. He is the patron saint of spiritual directors and spiritual leaders.



"Sunrise marks the hour for toil to begin, but in our souls, Lord, prepare a dwelling for the day that will never end".

Offertory	25.08.2024	Loose plate £150.79	Envelopes £65.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £396.85	Thank You
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Refreshments TODAY after Mass in the Presbytery (or outside if fine) Enjoy our CAKE!

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