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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 7 September	Mass 9:30am		Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 8 September 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Fr Anthony Wild Ordination Anniv	Mass 9:15am
Monday 9 September <i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday 10 September <i>Feria</i>	No Evening Prayer		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 11 September <i>Feria</i>	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 12 September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>			Mass 7:00pm
Friday 13 September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 14 September EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 15 September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Parishioners	Mass 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 Wednesday, 10:00am Saturday or by appointment with Fr Lee
World Day of Special Prayer for Education



Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

Education Sunday is when Catholic Church congregations commemorate their predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, paying for schools to be built.

Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 3

Ent antiphon You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1st reading Isaiah 35: 4-7. *The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb will be*

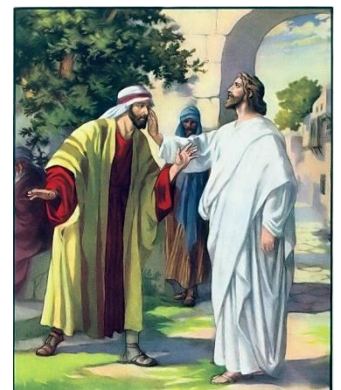
Response My soul, give praise to the Lord. x3

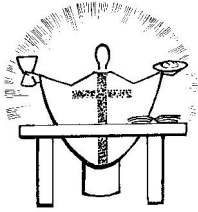
2nd reading James 2: 1-5. *God chose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom.*

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7: 31-37. *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

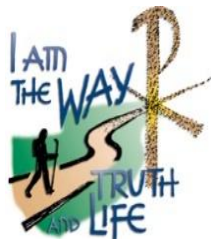
Comm ant Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God: my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.





What is a Mass Intention? The Church teaches that Jesus died on the Cross for the salvation of all people, living and dead, of his own time and for all times. The Sacrifice of the Mass is offered, therefore, for all the living and the dead, as the words of the Eucharistic Prayer make clear. The Church also provides that each Mass, in addition, can be offered for a single named intention. When the faithful ask a priest to offer a Mass for a living person or a departed soul, it is customary for the faithful to provide for the upkeep of the priest for that day. In the diocese of Shrewsbury, it is a suggested donation of £10.00, though one can offer more or less in accord with one's means. In this parish the Mass intention goes to the parish rather than to the priest himself, along with stole fees (donations made at Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals), and the Christmas and Easter collection. The Mass intention is usually advertised in the newsletter and announced at the Mass itself. This has a twofold purpose: to encourage the faithful to unite themselves with that intention, and to remind ourselves that the Mass is a sacrifice offered by Jesus on the Cross for our salvation. Incidentally, if the Mass is being offered for a deceased soul, the name will have 'RIP' after it. If it is offered for a living person, it will say for the intentions of the person named, sometimes Masses will be offered for the donor's intention. Mass intention envelopes can be found at the entrance to Church.

Annual Mass Count takes place each year during the last two weekends of September and first two weekends of October. The dates for the Mass Count this year are the Vigil Mass Saturday 21/Sunday 22 September, 28/29 September, 5/6 October, and 12/13 October. Please note the count is not taken at any of the weekday Masses nor the Saturday morning Mass at Market Drayton. The figures attending each Mass are entered onto an annual statistics form that is submitted to the diocese each year.



Catechesis Market Drayton Dates and Times - Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 11:00am. These will take place in the presbytery starting on Tuesday 24 September and Wednesday 25 September. Please note that the Wednesday session is a repeat of the Tuesday session, so come along to one or the other, not both! There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance, do please sign up if you would like to come to these sessions. Dates for the sessions are: 24/25 September, 1/2 October, 8/9 October, 15/16 October, 22/23 October, 29/30 October.

At Newport – Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and Friday morning at 10:30am in the Parish Hall small room

The **Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, 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 prayer... Kathleen & John Thorneycroft, 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.

Offertory	01.09.24	Loose plate £89.50	Envelopes £58.90	St Orders £181.06	Total £329.46	Thank You
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*Refreshments after Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month: 6 October, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support
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