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**Newsletter 15-22 September 2024**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
<b>Saturday 14 September</b> EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<b>Priest's Intention</b>	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
<b>Sunday 15 September</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<b>Mel Plumpton</b>	Mass 9:15am
<b>Monday 16 September</b> <i>SS Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>			
<b>Tuesday 17 September</b> <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	<b>No Evening Prayer</b>		Mass 10:00am
<b>Wednesday 18 September</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>Mass 10:00am</b> Adoration & Benediction	<b>Dr Elizabeth (Betty) Gardiner RIP</b>	Mass 10:00am
<b>Thursday 19 September</b> <i>St Theodore of Canterbury</i>			Mass 7:00pm
<b>Friday 20 September</b> <i>SS Andrew Kin TaegOn &amp; Comps</i>	<b>Rosary 7:00pm</b>		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
<b>Saturday 21 September</b> ST MATTHEW	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<b>Priest's Intention</b>	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
<b>Sunday 22 September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<b>Anthony McGlynn RIP</b>	Mass 9:15am

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

**The first (of 4) Annual Mass Counts will be made **this Sunday****

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Joy of the Gospel) formerly Home Mission Sunday**

*Growing as missionary disciples* This year, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we have chosen the theme 'Growing as missionary disciples'.

On the day itself, we can encourage the faithful to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness.

**Readings for the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B** Psalter week 4

*Ent antiphon* Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

*1st reading* Isaiah 50: 5-9. *I offered my back to those who struck me.*

*Response* **I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.** x4

*2nd reading* James 2: 14-18. *If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.*

*Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

*Gospel* Mark 8: 27-35. *You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.*

*Comm ant* **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

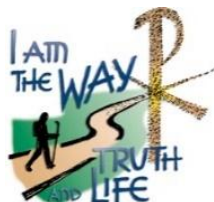


† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Alban Greenwood, RIP who has recently died, and for his family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Fire Safety** Our recent Fire Safety Inspection has highlighted that we need to have volunteer Fire Safety Marshal at each Sunday Mass and larger Masses at other times (i.e. at Christmas and for large funerals). The task of these marshals is not an onerous one and does not involve any dangerous tasks. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role, ideally one marshal at each Sunday Mass and larger Masses and services as they happen, please see Fr Lee or Deacon Wilf.



**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 mornings at 10:30am in the Parish Hall)

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. We will be running a course this year for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic. If you, or anyone you know is interested in exploring coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Lee.



**Annual Mass Count** usually takes place each year during the last two weekends of September and first two weekends of October. **However, this year, the count will start this weekend 14/15 September.** The remaining dates for the Mass Count are the Vigil Mass Saturday 21/Sunday 22 September, 28/29 September and 5/6 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.



**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



**Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers ...** 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.

**Mum's Retreat Morning** All Mums are warmly invited to a free Retreat Morning on Saturday 12 October, 9.30-11.30am at St Teresa's Trent Vale, ST4 6SR. There will be coffee and cake, a brief talk, Eucharistic Adoration and time for personal prayer and reflection, Babies in arms are welcome and there will be toys available, Please contact Esther Corrigan at [estherjfcorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:estherjfcorrigan@gmail.com) or 07875 601619 to register or with any questions.

<b>Offertory</b>	08.09.24	Loose plate £95.40	Envelopes £58.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £334.46	<b>Thank You</b>
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Refreshments after Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month: 6 October, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support  
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