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Newsletter 22-29 September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 21 September ST MATTHEW	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 22 September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Anthony McGlynn RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 23 September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)			
Tuesday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham	No Evening Prayer		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 25 September <i>Feria</i>	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Thursday 26 September <i>SS Cosmas & Damian</i>			Mass 7:00pm
Friday 27 September St Vincent de Paul	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 28 September	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 29 September 26th 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

Day of Prayer for the Harvest

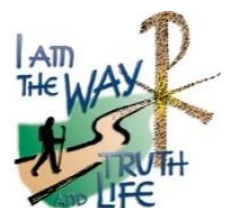
The first (of four) Annual Mass Counts will be made today

Apologies for the misleading notice last week

Annual Mass Count takes place each year during the last two weekends of September and first two weekends of 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 - starts this week! Market Drayton Dates and Times - Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 11:00am. 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 October, 8/9 October, 15/16 October, 22/23 October, 29/30 October, 6 November. (Note: due to Fr Alban's funeral date, the morning session on Wednesday 2 October is rescheduled to Wednesday 6 November)



Please note: Evening Prayer on Zoom will be on Wednesdays in the weeks of the Catechesis sessions.
Please note: There will be no evening prayer this week.

All are invited to join these prayerful and friendly sessions at 7:00pm: see Deacon Wilf for contact details.

Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 1

Ent antiphon I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

1st reading Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20. *Let us condemn him to a shameful death.*

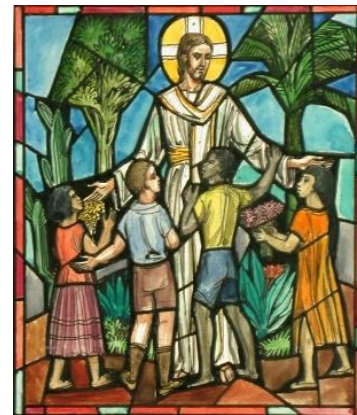
Response **The Lord upholds my life.** x3

2nd reading James 3: 16 – 4: 3. *Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 9: 30-37. *The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.*

Comm ant **You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept. May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**



† **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Alban Greenwood, RIP** who has recently died, and for his family and friends. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Wednesday 2 October at St Patrick’s Church, King Street, Wellington, TF1 3AP. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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 McGrogan, and all sick and housebound of the parish.



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 Sorrows.

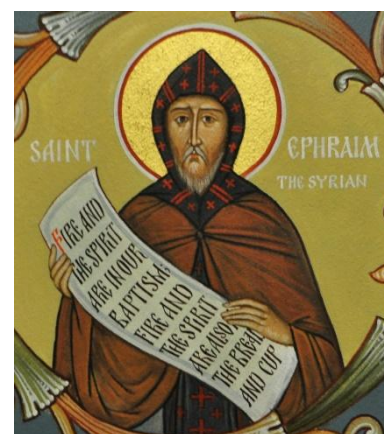


RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. We will be running a course this year for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic. If you, or anyone you know is interested in exploring coming into full communion with the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



Peace Please continue to pray for the people of **Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, 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.

Doctors of the Church 24/37 St Ephrem The Syrian 306-373 Declared a Doctor of the Church (Doctor of the Syrians) by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. Feast Day 9 June. He was born in Nisibis, Turkey but later was in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq). He was ordained a deacon, and lived a hermit’s life; his fame rests on his theological writings, written in rich and elegant style, and on over 400 of his 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 wrote in a dialect of Aramaic which became Syriac. 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”.*



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 or 07875 601619 to register or with any questions.

Offertory	15.09.24	Loose plate £109.45	Envelopes £41.50	St Orders £181.06	Total £332.01	Thank You
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*Refreshments after Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month:
The next date, 6 October, will be in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support
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