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Newsletter 17 - 24 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 16 November	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 17 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Alan Chadwick RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 18 November <i>Ded of Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul</i>			
Tuesday 19 November <i>Feria</i>	Zoom Eve Prayer 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 20 November <i>Feria</i>	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Priest's Intention	
Thursday 21 November Presentation of BVM	Requiem Mass 12:00	RIP Kathleen Thorneycroft	Mass 7:00pm
Friday 22 November St Cecilia	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 23 November	Mass 9:30am	Gary Conlon RIP	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 24 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Mass 11:00am	People of the Parish	Mass 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession 9:15 Wednesday 10:00am Saturday or by appointment

World Day of Prayer for the Poor

Safeguarding Sunday see over page

2nd Collection today for the Clergy Education & Training Fund see over page

Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 1

Ent antiphon The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st reading Daniel 12:1-3. *When that time comes, your own people will be spared.*

Response **Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. x3**

2nd reading Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18. *By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 13: 24-32. *He will gather his chosen from the four winds. Take the fig tree as a parable.*

Comm ant **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in the Lord.**



† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Thorneycroft who has recently died, and for her family and friends. Her Requiem Mass will take place here at SS Thomas & Stephen Market Drayton on Thursday 21 November at 12:00 noon, followed by interment at Market Drayton Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Safeguarding Sunday Church is a place where anyone can come and feel welcomed, loved, and part of a community. But that openness comes with responsibility, especially towards safeguarding vulnerable people. We are now much more aware of the risks, and safeguarding is now a familiar word to most people.

Our Safeguarding Representative is Kevin Read-Jones ☎07974 412617



Dear God, help us to be a parish that Loves, Welcomes, Protects, Listens, Learns, Serves, Repents, Restores, Transforms, Values, Cares, Believes. God of justice and compassion, hear our prayer, Help us, heal us, guide us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen



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.

The Pope's Intentions for Prayer November: For those who have lost a child Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. **The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.** We offer sheets for you to write the names of your departed loved ones that will be kept in a casket by the altar at every Mass during November. There is also an envelope should you wish to make a Mass offering for the Masses offered for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November.

Peace Lord, send us the gift of peace. We pray for the gift of peace, that hatred may turn to understanding, anger to compassion and horror to hope. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Morocco Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen, Iraq and Iran, and all countries affected by unrest and conflict.



Doctors of the Church 28/37 St Albert the Great 1193-1280 The Universal Doctor. Feast Day 15 November. Albert was born in Swabia, SW Germany, studied at Padua, and against the wishes of his noble family, joined the Dominicans, Order of Preachers. He was a lecturer in several institutions, and at Cologne was the tutor of St Thomas Aquinas for four years. He pioneered the Scholastic system of theology which St Thomas perfected. Elected bishop of Regensburg, he resigned after two years, feeling that he would be more useful teaching. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931, which included his canonisation. Not for nothing was he named the Universal Doctor, his writings are voluminous and encyclopaedic, including astronomy, geography, biology etc as well as biblical and theological topics. He is the patron saint of students of the natural sciences. *"The greater and more persistent, your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask."* *"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man and man to God."*



Red Missio Boxes It's time once again to hand in your red Missio boxes for counting. Please leave named boxes on the window shelf at the back of the Church or hand to David or Veronica Milburn. Thank you

New Missals The new Lectionaries and Book of the Gospels will be blessed at Mass next Sunday, 24 November. The ESV translation will be used from 1 December. Personal Missals can be ordered from CTS ☎020 7640 0042 ctsbooks.org or RP Books ☎01420 592974 customercare@rpbooks.c.o.uk Or download the Universalis App on your phone, one-off price of £9.95 for all the readings and all future updates.



Clergy Education & Training fund 2nd collection Today Bishop Mark writes: On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund.

2nd collection from next weekend for Flowers in the Church at Christmas and during the year.

Offertory	03.11.2024	Loose plate £111.29	Envelopes £55.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £347.35	Thank You
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Refreshments after Mass on the first Sunday of each month

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