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Newsletter 30 May – 7 June 2026
MOST HOLY TRINITY
 Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 30 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 31 May MOST HOLY TRINITY	Mass 11:00am	Mary Lily & Hughie Finnegan RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 1 June St Justin			
Tuesday 2 June <i>SS Marcellinus & Peter</i>	Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 3 June St Charles Lwanga & Comps	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction	Priest's Intentions	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 4 June <i>Feria</i>			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 5 June St Boniface	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 6 June <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 7 June BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Mass 11:00am	Patricia Frearson RIP	Mass 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Wednesday, or after Saturday Mass, or by appointment

Readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity year A Psalter week 1 Ordinary Time week 9
Ent antiphon Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.
1st reading Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9. *The Lord, a God merciful and gracious.*
Response to be repeated every alternate line
To be praised and highly exalted for ever! x6
2nd reading 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13. *The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.*
Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, and who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**
Gospel John 3: 16-18. *God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved through him.*
Comm ant **Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

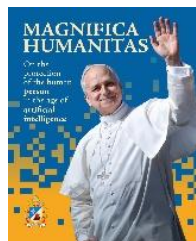


Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: David Hunt, Alex Moore, Pat MacGregor, Glynis Kirton, Clarice Clack, Freya Jackson, Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, David Smith, Niall Gallivan, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian & Dawn Huxley, Shane McGroggan, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



The month of **June** is dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

The Pope's Prayer intention for June: For the Values of Sports Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.



Magnifica Humanitas Pope Leo XIV published his first Encyclical at the Vatican on Monday. Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together. If technological development advances without a corresponding ethical and social progress, the result may be an increase in means without a growth in humanity: 'having more' without 'being more', Pope Leo warns, describing the particular danger posed by the power of 'major economic and technological actors' over such development. Pope Leo said he intended his first encyclical to respond to the anthropological rather than technical challenge posed by artificial intelligence.

The Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice offers a **webinar** on Thursday 4 June to explore and reflect on the themes of the encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, with an initial response to the challenges and the hope it offers. For more Information <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-magnifica-humanitas/> <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/being-human-in-a-digital-age/>

We pray for all victims in our world troubled by violence, hatred and unrest in the Middle East and Iran, in Israel, Lebanon and Gaza, and for the peoples of Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen, Iraq, Myanmar, and all those in countries affected by conflict; pray for an end to all war, and for peace to reign in our troubled world.



Are you interested in serving your local community? Are you passionate about helping those in need? **IF SO, MARKET DRAYTON FOODBANK IS SEEKING NEW TRUSTEES, COULD THIS BE YOU?** Market Drayton Foodbank is in the process of developing a new strategy based on the

overarching approach of Trussell. We are anticipating a number of developments in the operation of the Foodbank over the coming year, aimed ultimately at reducing the need for the Foodbank by addressing the underlying needs of our clients. We are, therefore, seeking people of energy and commitment to help us do this; particularly, but not limited to those who can bring other skills, such as financial, legal, governance (health and safety, safeguarding), human resources or public relations experience. If you are interested in finding out more, then please contact our Foodbank Chair – David Strudley at chair@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk to discuss further and obtain an information & application pack. Applications should be received by 30 June 2026. Interviews will be held week commencing 13 July 2026.

Continued Catechesis for All: Coming session dates: 16 & 19 June, 7 & 10 July. No dates in August, but courses will resume in September.



WeBelieve festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join this amazing UK based Catholic Festival from **24-27 July 2026** at the historic and beautiful setting of **St Mary's College, Oscott Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA** for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

Something for everyone: Worship, Talks, Workshops, Family Activities, Music and Comedy. Day or Weekend Tickets. For full details and tickets <https://www.webeliefefestival.com>



Refreshments after Mass next week – will the sun shine?

Offertory	24.05.2026	Loose Plate £106.15	Envelopes £61.00	Stand Orders £175.85	Total £343.00	Thank you
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