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**Newsletter 13 - 21 June 2026**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2**

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
<b>Saturday 13 June</b> Immaculate Heart of Mary	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5:30pm
<b>Sunday 14 June</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass 11:00am	People of the Parish	Mass 9:15am
<b>Monday 15 June</b> <i>Feria</i>			
<b>Tuesday 16 June</b> <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>			Mass 10:00am
<b>Wednesday 17 June</b> <i>Feria</i>	Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction Zoom Eve Pray 7:00pm	Mary Colgan RIP	Mass 10:00am
<b>Thursday 18 June</b> <i>Feria</i>			7:00pm (Latin)
<b>Friday 19 June</b> <i>St Romuald</i>	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
<b>Saturday 20 June</b> <i>St Alban</i>	Mass 9:30am	Sheila & Michael Groom - 60 <sup>th</sup> Wed Ani	Mass 5:30pm
<b>Sunday 21 June</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass 11:00am	Kieren Bonner RIP	Mass 9:15am

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

**Readings for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time year A Psalter week**

*Ent antiphon* O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour.

*1st reading* Exodus 19: 2-6a. *You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*

**Response** **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.** x3

*2nd reading* Romans 5: 6-11. *If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.*

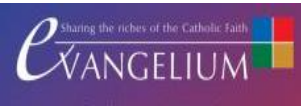
**Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! **The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the Gospel. Alleluia!**

*Gospel* Matthew 9: 36 - 10:8. *Jesus called to him the twelve disciples and sent them out.*

**Comm ant** **There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**



**Continued Catechesis for All:** Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions, it's never too late to begin. You may attend either venue. **This week, 16 & 19 June. Tuesdays 7pm at Mkt Drayton & Fridays 10:30am at Newport.** Future Session dates: 7 & 10 July. No dates in August, but courses will resume in September.



**Zoom Evening Prayer** will be on **Wednesday** this week because of the Catechesis meeting on Tuesday.



**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.

**Visitation** On Sunday 21 June Bishop Mark will be making his Visitation to SS Peter & Paul parish, Newport.

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.



**Peace** According to global conflict data from the UN, **there are over 50 active armed conflicts taking place across the world**, the highest number recorded since WWII. Tens of thousands of people are killed each year, as a direct result of warfare, and millions more are displaced, forced to flee their homes in search of safety. We pray for all victims in our world troubled by violence, hatred and unrest in the Middle East and Iran, in Israel 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](mailto: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.

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 **24th-27th 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>

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>07.06.2026</b>	Loose Plate £106.30	Envelopes £99.10	Stand Orders £175.85	Total £381.25	<b>Thank you</b>
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2<sup>nd</sup> collection next week for the Day for Life

In Spain last week, Pope Leo XIV said 'All human life must be recognised and protected from conception to natural death, in every circumstance if its existence. When this certainty is obscured, the most vulnerable become the first victims, and the law loses its deepest reason: to serve and protect every person. The moral greatness of a nation is shown in its capacity to accompany protect and love those lives that are the most fragile.'

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