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Newsletter 3 – 11 October 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 3 October <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 4 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am		Mass 9:15am
Monday 5 October St Maria Faustina Kowalska			
Tuesday 6 October <i>St Bruno</i>			Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	Mass 10:00am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 8 October <i>Feria</i>			Mass 7:00 pm Latin
Friday 9 October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 10 October <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 11 October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	People of the Parish	Mass 9:15am

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

Third (of 4) Annual Mass count today IIII IIII IIII Do please try to be here at Mass

Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time year A Psalter week 3

Ent antiphon Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are Lord of all.

1st reading Isaiah 5: 1-7. *The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the house of Israel.*

Response **The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. x4**

2nd reading Philippians 4: 6-9. *Practise these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 21: 33-43. *He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.*

Comm ant **The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.**



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Refreshments in the Presbytery TODAY Sunday 4 October
Donations towards Macmillan Cancer Support. Please give generously





CONFIRMATION The initial meeting for parents and candidates will take place on **Saturday 3 October 10:30am in M Drayton and 12:00noon in Newport**

FIRST COMMUNION Meeting for Parents and First Communion Children on **Saturday 10 October at 10:30am in M Drayton and 12:00 noon in Newport.**



CATECHESIS for all resumes on Tuesday 13 October 7:00pm in Market Drayton and Friday 16 October 10:30am in Newport. Why not come along? All are welcome to these sessions. Future dates monthly.

First Holy Communion: We plan to **start this year's Programme on 10 October.** As parents and guardians, you have been entrusted by God with the beautiful responsibility of helping your child grow in the Gospel virtues of faith, hope, and love. This programme is offered to practising Catholic children who live and worship in the parishes of Newport and Market Drayton and who are currently in year 3 or above (primary school only). As parents and guardians you should be prepared to support your child by ensuring they attend every session and be regularly attending Mass with them. If you live outside our parishes please contact your local Parish Priest for permission to join our programme prior to enrolment. **Our Programme involves sessions for both children and for parents.** At Baptism you were reminded that you are the first and most important teachers of your child in the ways of faith, we hope very much to help you in this and much of the course will be expected to be delivered with you and your child in the setting of the family home. **These sessions will run from October 2026 to April 2027. All sessions will held on a Saturday** (times tbc). You and your child will be expected to attend all the sessions to be considered to have completed the course and be ready to receive First Holy Communion next year. Regular Mass attendance at the weekend is also an integral part of the programme. **The initial parents' meeting will take place this week on Saturday 10 October 10:30am in Market Drayton, and 12:00 noon in Newport.** Please bring with you your child's baptism certificate. Please contact Fr Lee if your child has not yet been baptised, and do please contact Fr Lee to let him know which meeting you are attending.



Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Brenda Chadwick, 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. *Please let us know if you would like your name included.* Please also **pray for peace** in our troubled world.



The Month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, whose memorial the Church celebrates on 7 October. The Rosary is **recited in church every Friday evening at 7:00pm.** **Why not join** our friendly group this month of October?

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October: For Mental Health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illnesses.

Concert Jacobi Chorale: William Byrd: Mass for 4 Voices **Next Sunday 11 October** at 2:30pm, here in SS Thomas & Stephen Church, Mkt Drayton. Retiring Collection. Refreshments.



Season of Creation concludes on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4) is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for 2026. The Message highlights the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation. Accordingly, Leo XIV extends this invitation to all of us: "Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God's Kingdom".

Turn your faith into action this Harvest **Family Fast Day.** Please give generously. Envelopes for your donation are in the porch.



Offertory	27.09.2026	Loose Plate £68.50	Envelopes £96.00	Stand Orders £169.67	Total £334.17	Thank you
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