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14 - 22 November 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 14 November *Feria*	**Mass 9:30am**	**Kevin McLoughlin RIP**	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 15 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**Mass 11:00am**	**Michael Colin Mackintosh RIP**	Mass 9:15am
Monday 16 November St Edmund, St Margaret of Scotland			
Tuesday 17 November St Hilda, St Hugh, St Elizabeth of H	**Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm**		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 18 November Ded of Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul	**Mass 10:00am Adoration &Benediction**	**DRF McLoughin Family**	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 19 November *Feria*			Mass 7:00pm (Latin)
Friday 20 November *Feria*	**Rosary 7:00pm**		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 21 November Presentation of BV Mary	**Mass 9:30am**	**DRF O'Hanlon Family**	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 22 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING	**Mass 11:00am**	**Christine Milburn RIP**	Mass 9:15am

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

World Day of Prayer for the Poor *see over →*

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

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

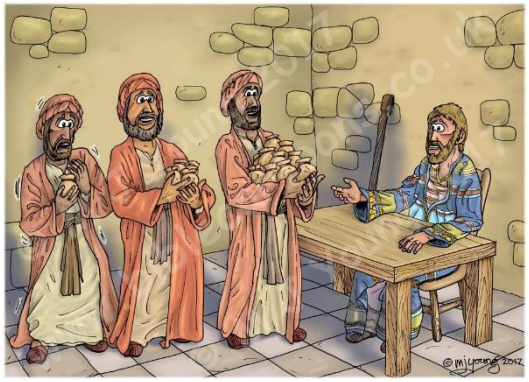
1st reading Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31. *She works with willing hands.*

Response **Blessed are all who fear the Lord.** x3

2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6. *DO not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bear much fruit. Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30. *You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.*



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



10th World Day of the Poor In his message for the World Day of the Poor 2026, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as 'the refuge of the poor', urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and to examine whether we truly offer a tangible refuge to the marginalized, and combat social injustice, corruption, and digital indifference.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: 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.

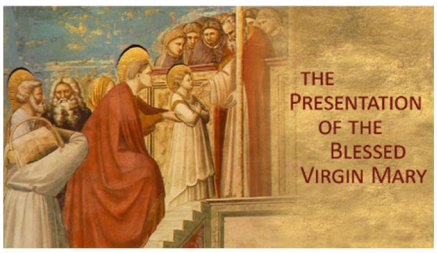


Please continue to pray for peace in our troubled world. Lord Jesus Christ you are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November is for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The whole month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Write the names of your departed loved ones in envelopes to be found in the porch and place in the casket by the altar at every Mass of every day during November. If you wish to make a Mass offering for the Masses offered for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November, please place this in the same envelope.



Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be celebrated on Saturday symbolises Mary's complete dedication to God and her early consecration to his service and foreshadows her future role as the Mother of the Saviour, guiding us towards our own spiritual dedication. Mary's presentation in the temple draws parallels to that of the prophet Samuel, whose mother Hannah, like Anne, was also thought to be barren, and who offered her child as a gift to God at Shiloh. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: "*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it*" (Lk. 11:28). The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal.



Christmas is Coming! Please note Christmas Mass times this year. See poster in the porch.
Christmas Day Mass - Friday 25 December in Market Drayton at 10:00am



Stamps Don't forget to save your used Christmas stamps for the Jesuit Refugee service. All stamps, not just the Christmas ones! British or foreign, special or ordinary. Please cut with scissors from the envelope, leaving a large margin around the stamp. Thank you.

Together@Christmas Community Lunch returns: An initiative to combat the loneliness of facing Christmas alone, a Christmas Day lunch at the British Legion. Traditional Three course meal, warm company, entertainment and goody bag to take home. If you or someone you know would benefit from joining us, or if you would like to volunteer to set up, host, or serve please contact ☎07301 429412 (corrected number) Limited places, book soon to avoid disappointment. See the poster in the porch.



Missio It's time again to hand in your Missio (Red Box) donations for counting. Please leave on the shelf at the back of the church or hand to Veronica or David Milburn. Thank you to all donors.



2nd collection for the Clergy Education Training Fund will now be taken today. Every priest and deacon serving in the Diocese was once a man in formation. The Clergy Education and Training Fund pays for that formation, and for the continuing education of clergy already in ministry. Training a seminarian costs around £30,000 a year, or roughly £80 a day. Training a Permanent Deacon costs around £4,000 a year. None of that happens without the Fund, and the Fund does not replenish itself without the giving of ordinary Catholics. Online donations can be made at https://donate.mydona.com/shrewsbury-rc-diocesan-trust



Offertory	**08.11.2026**	Loose Plate £53.05	Envelopes £79.00	Stand Orders £169.67	Total £301.72	**Thank you**

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