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21 - 29 November 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
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
Monday 23 November *St Clement, St Columban*			
Tuesday 24 November St Andrew Dun-Lac & Comps	**Zoom Evening Prayer 7:00pm**		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 25 November *St Catherine of Alexandria*	**Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction**	**Special Intentions**	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 26 November *Feria*			Mass 7:00pm (Latin)
Friday 27 November *Feria*	**Rosary 7:00pm**		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 28 November *Feria*	**Mass 9:30am**	**Priest's Intentions**	Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 29 November 1st Sunday of Advent	**Mass 11:00am**	**John & Mary McLoughlin RIP**	Mass 9:15am

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

Day of Special Prayer for Young People *see over* →

Readings for the solemnity of Christ the King *year* ***A*** *Weekdays week 34. Psalter week* ***2***

Ent antiphon How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1st reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17. *As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

Response **The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.** x4

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28. *Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46. *He will sit on his glorious throne, and he will separate people from one another.*

Comm ant **The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**



World Youth Sunday The Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday marks World Youth Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate young people in our parishes on their faith journey. It is a special day to recognise the beauty, gifts and joy that young people bring to the life and mission of the Church. His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, will continue to celebrate youth and young adults on 22 November 2026, the Solemnity of Christ the King, 'Take courage: I have overcome the world!' (cf. John 16:33), is Pope Leo XIV's message under the theme of hope, a virtue that the world is in need of and which shines forth particularly in young people.

Next Catechesis for All - Tuesday 1 December at 7:00pm at Mkt Drayton and Friday 4 December 10:30am at Newport. You can attend either venue. All are welcome.

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.



Missio It's time again to hand in your Missio (Red Box) for counting. Please leave on the shelf at the back of the church or hand to Veronica or David Milburn. Thank you to those who have responded so quickly, and to all donors.

Christmas is Coming! Please note Christmas Mass times this year. See poster in the porch.



Thursday 24 December Newport Carols 5:00pm with Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:30pm
Friday 25 December Market Drayton Mass 10:00am Newport Mass 10:00am
There will be no weekday masses Monday 28 December – Saturday morning 2 January

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 from the envelope with scissors and leave a good margin of paper around the stamps. Please leave in the box on the table in the porch. We send them up at the end of January.

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, Limited places, book soon to avoid disappointment. See the poster in the porch.



Collections for flowers for the Church at Christmas and beyond will be taken today and also the next 2 Sundays. Thank you for your help.



Refreshments after Mass on Sunday 6 December: as well as tea or coffee there will be mulled wine and mince pies etc. Come and enjoy!

Market Drayton Foodbank is particularly short of cartons of long-life fruit juice, men's toiletries, shower gel & shampoo and anti-bac wipes. Donations can be placed in the green bin in the porch. Thank you for all donations.

Offertory	**15.11.2026**	Loose Plate £127.22	Envelopes £121.00	Stand Orders £169.67	Total £417.89	**Thank you**
Clergy Education Fund			£92.50			

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