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Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 29 August <i>Psalter week 2</i>	MASS 11am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Glen Everett RIP
Monday 30 August		SS Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow & Anne Line	
Tuesday 31 August	7pm	Tuesday of Week 22 Evening Prayer over Zoom	
Wednesday 1 September	MASS 10am	Wednesday of Week 22 World Day of Prayer for Creation	Priest's Intention
Thursday 2 September		Thursday of Week 22	
Friday 3 September	10:30am 7pm	ST GREGORY THE GREAT Requiem Mass - Glen Everett RIP Zoom	
Saturday 4 September		Saturday of Week 22	
Sunday 5 September	MASS 11am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners

Parish Evening Prayer & Rosary Have you thought of joining those who celebrate **Evening Prayer (Tuesdays 7pm) over Zoom** and the **Rosary (Fridays 7pm) over Zoom**? It's never too late to start, email ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com or phone Wilf on 07983 981931



Calling all Readers If you are a Reader at Mass, or if you would like to read, please sign up for the free dates on the list in the porch. With the present small number of readers, we shall need to read every three weeks.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 **You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions.** *Extract* So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples

not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in scripture. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Commentary For many of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news, because it contradicted the tradition they honoured. We call it Good News, Gospel, because it is a word that liberates us from a world of endless regulations. It also challenges us and invites us to a religion of the heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values: this will always be our real business as Christians. *Denis McBride CSsR*



† **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Glen Everett**, who has recently died, & for his family and friends. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 3rd September at 10:30am.

Please keep the following Parishioners in your prayers ... Marie-Sophie Szymanski, John McGrath, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian and Dawn Huxley, Sheila Minnery, Emmie Justice, Shane McGoogan, Doreen Warrilow, Sylvia Mary Stanworth, & all the sick and housebound of the parish.



September - The Pope's Universal Intention: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Saint of the Week Monday St Anne Line, née Heigham 1565? - 1601 Anne Heigham was born at Dunmow (Essex) and was hanged at Tyburn on 27 February 1601. In her teens, she became a Catholic and was disinherited, and in 1585 married Roger Line, also a disinherited convert, who was subsequently imprisoned then, already a sick man, exiled for his faith, dying in Flanders soon afterwards. Anne was left destitute and herself suffered poor health. She offered her services to the Jesuits and was asked to look after a house of refuge in London. She ran a large safe house for priests, taught children, and made vestments. To strengthen her resolution she took voluntary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. On 2 February after a large number of people had been seen gathering at her house for Mass, she was arrested. Her trial was on 26 February. Despite the prosecution's failure to prove the charge of harbouring a priest the Lord Chief Justice directed the jury to find her guilty, and condemned her to be hanged the next day at Tyburn in London on 27 February 1601.



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 becoming a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is, therefore, forming a new Board of Trustees. We are anticipating a number of significant changes in the operation of the Foodbank over the coming year, as we move to becoming our own charity and develop and implement a major new strategy, 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 Manager Helen McSherry at info@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk or 01630 654007 to discuss further and obtain an information and application pack. Applications should be received by 20th September 2021 and Interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th September 2021.

Market Drayton Foodbank has no or low stock of the following items:

If you are able to donate, please leave your items in the green bin in the Church porch:
Long life cartons of fruit juice - no stock, **Tinned potatoes** - no stock, **Pasta/cooking Sauce (not pasta)** - no stock, **Tinned spaghetti** - no stock, **Dry cat food** - no stock, **Shampoo** - no stock, **UHT semi-skimmed (green) Milk** - low stock, **Cleaning products** - low stock, **Rice Pudding** - low stock, **Custard** - low stock, **Sponge puddings/Slab cake** - low stock



THANK YOU

Churches Together The Big Sing Friday 17-Saturday 18 September, St Swithun's Church, Cheswardine. To mark the 18 months when our churches fell silent by filling the building with praise. Come as a choir or a small group and sign up to sing for an hour slot. Bring your own organist or musicians, CD accompaniment also possible. For further information or to book a slot contact Judy Welch: judyunitedbenefice@gmail.com

