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| Date | Time | Service | Intention |
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| Sunday 3 October Note changed Mass time <i>Psalter week 3</i> | MASS 9.30am ★ | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Isabel Brindley & Family |
| Monday 4 October | | St Francis of Assisi | |
| Tuesday 5 October | 7pm | St Maria Faustine Kowalska Evening Prayer over Zoom | |
| Wed 6 October | MASS 10am | Wednesday of Week 27 <i>St Bruno</i> | Priest's Intention |
| Thurs 7 October | | Our Lady of the Rosary | |
| Friday 8 October | | Friday Abstinence No Rosary | |
| Saturday 9 October | | ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN | |
| Sunday 10 October | MASS 11am | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents | Parishioners |

Please note - Mass Today at 9.30am due to road closures for the 10k race



Fundraiser... Deacon Wilf will be running the Market Drayton 10km run today. He is looking to raise funds for our Church Hall and Myeloma UK. If you wish to sponsor him, please either add your name to the sponsor form in the Ch Church Porch or email ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com with your name and donation. Thank you.

Good luck to Wilf and all the Parishioners who are running!!

Parish Evening Prayer & Rosary Why not try joining those who celebrate **Evening Prayer (Tuesday 7pm) over Zoom** and the **Rosary (Friday 7pm) over Zoom?** (not Friday 8 October)

It's never too late to start, email ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com or phone Wilf on 07983 981931.



Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, lasting throughout September and finishing on the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

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 McGroggan, Doreen Warrilow, Sylvia Mary Stanworth, & all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Universal Intention for October: for Evangelization: – Missionary Disciples We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Care for the Earth
God, our Creator, you have given us the earth, and the sky and the seas. Show us how to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage, or destroy the beauty of your creation. Send forth your Spirit to direct us to care for the earth and all creation.
Amen.




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Calling all **Readers** - **Please sign up** for plenty of the free dates on the list in the porch. Current numbers suggest reading about once every three weeks.

Saint of the Week St Bruno c.1033 – 1101 Bruno was born at Cologne and educated partly at Reims. He was head of the episcopal school for almost 20 years. then chancellor of the church of Reims and devoting himself to the administration of the diocese. The bishop at that time, was impious, corrupt, and violent. The Council of Autun suspended him, who retaliated by demolishing the houses of his accusers and confiscating their goods. Bruno was the obvious candidate as his successor – but in 1077 he had made a vow to abandon the world and enter the religious life. It had not been possible to act on that vow at the time. Now it was. Bruno fled. With companions he settled in a wild spot called Chartreuse, not far from Grenoble, among steep rocks and snow-covered mountains. They built a small monastery where they lived in deep retreat and poverty, entirely occupied in prayer and study. Bruno pioneered the “mixed” form of religious life, of hermits who live together in a community. He did not plan to found an Order, but the seed he had planted at Chartreuse grew into the Carthusian Order, which continues to this day, with some 24 houses spread across the world. *Image La Grande Chartreuse*



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: Sponge Puddings/Slab Cake - No Stock, Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice - No Stock, UHT Semi & Full Fat (Green & Blue) Milk - No Stock, Eggs - No Stock, Anti-Bacterial Wipes - No Stock. Men's Deodorant - No Stock, Size 6 Nappies/ Pullups - No Stock, Dog & Cat Food - Wet and Dry - No Stock, Custard - Low Stock, Rice Pudding - Low Stock, Jam - Low Stock, Cereals - Low Stock, Biscuits - Low Stock. Soup - Low Stock ****Thank You****




Gospel Mark 10:2-16 What God has united, man must not divide Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, ‘Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him. He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ ‘Moses allowed us’ they said ‘to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’ Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, ‘The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.’

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Commentary The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for ‘indecency’, but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is what Jesus considers grounds for divorce. As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus goes beyond the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one ‘body’, or one ‘flesh’, really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God’s intention was not that they should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all.



 **Christmas is coming! - Calling All Knitters** – Christmas Angels Churches Together will be distributing Christmas Angels again this year but we need your help! It is hoped that we will have enough angels to deposit around the town and also to the villages. The angels are a great source of joy and a great way of reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas. Patterns are easy to follow and are available at www.christmasangel.net or by emailing Helen McSherry at stthomasandstephen@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

11th October 2021. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 07740175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613 For full details see flyer attachment to main email.