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Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 10 October <i>Psalter week 4</i>	MASS 11am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents	Parishioners
Monday 11 October		Monday of Week 28	
Tuesday 12 October		Tuesday of Week 28 <i>St Wilfrid</i>	
	7pm	Evening Prayer over Zoom	
Wednesday 13 October	MASS 10am	Wednesday of Week 28 <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Priest's Intention
Thursday 14 October		Thursday of Week 28 <i>St Callistus</i>	
Friday 15 October		St Teresa of Avila Rosary over Zoom	
	7pm		
Saturday 16 October		Saturday of Week 28 <i>St Hedwig St MM Alacoque,</i>	
Sunday 17 October	MASS 11am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners

Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical **Prisons Week**, a week of **prayer** which raises awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system.

Parish Evening Prayer & Rosary Now the nights are drawing in, why not consider joining those who celebrate **Evening Prayer (Tuesday 7pm) over Zoom** and the **Rosary (Friday 7pm) over Zoom**.? It's never too late to start, email ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com or phone Wilf on 07983 981931 



Congratulations to all who took part in the 10K race!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Wilf in his effort to run under 55 minutes in the Market Drayton 10km run. He made it, running the course in 48 mins 40 seconds and surprised even himself!

Please support **David Smith's Fundraising Event for Royal National Institute for the Blind** taking place in October., called '**David's Sight Loss Marathon - A Walk in the Park**'. Location: Market Drayton Town Park . Thursday 14th - Wednesday 20th October each day at 1030. Distance: 6K per day = a marathon. David will be doing this with his long cane which he has been learning to use during the last year. He wants to say "Thank You" to RNIB for the excellent support they have given. Donations by cash/cheque (RNIB) to 85 Longslow Road TF9 3BP. Just Giving page link to be confirmed. Any queries: 01630 658577.



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.



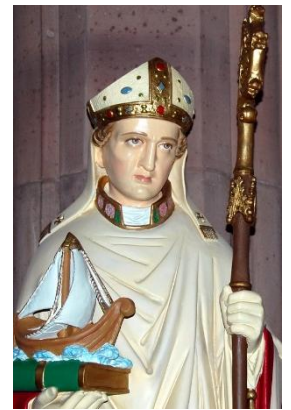
The Pope's Universal Intention for Intention for October: for Evangelization: – Missionary Disciples We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



Gospel extract Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Mark 10:17-30

Commentary Jesus wants us to enjoy an inner independence, so that who we are is not dependent on what we have. His disciples are identified by their *relationship* with him, and by their *relationship* with their neighbour. Detachment from possessions frees the disciple to pay attention to others, and Jesus says that in doing this the disciple will have a whole host of 'brothers, sisters, mothers, children, land. When the rich man left Jesus he returned to his possessions; the man without a name ended up poorer. If he had become a disciple he would have inherited a new family. *Denis McBride CSSR*

Saint of the Week St Wilfrid 634–709 Wilfrid was born in Northumbria and as a boy was educated in the monastery of Lindisfarne. Later he travelled to Rome in the company of Benet Biscop. This wider, continental experience had a profound effect upon the young man Shortly afterwards he was appointed Abbot of Ripon, and later he was ordained priest. After the death of Aidan, who had supported the customs of the Celts, these differences became the cause of bitter dispute. In 664 a Synod was held in Whitby, in the famous monastery of St Hilda, to settle the question and Wilfrid took a leading part in the debate, successfully arguing for the abolition of the Celtic traditions and the imposition of the church discipline of Rome. Within twelve months he had been appointed Bishop of Lindisfarne. A dispute arose in 678 when Theodore made an attempt to divide the large, unwieldy diocese of Lindisfarne/York into two parts. Wilfrid objected and made an appeal to Rome. Not only was he successful, but in doing so he became the first Englishman to take a law suit to the Roman courts. He returned to Northumbria, but his boat was blown offshore Sussex where due to his to his courage and dedication he was able to use this time well, carrying on an energetic mission to the South Saxons and also the people of Friesland. Wilfrid returned to Northumbria in 686, and he accepted a compromise solution under which he became Bishop of Hexham while retaining his monastery at Ripon. There he reorganised the monastery under the rule of St Benedict. He died in 709.
A Happy Feast Day to our Deacon Wilfred.



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**

Christmas is coming! 11 Weeks! - 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 sstomasandstephen@gmail.com.

