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Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 21 November <i>Psalter week 2</i>	MASS 11am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE Day of prayer for Young People	Parishioners
Monday 22 November		St Cecilia	
Tuesday 23 November	7pm	Tuesday of week 34 <i>St Clement St Columban</i> Evening Prayer over Zoom	
Wednesday 24 November	10am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion St Andrew Dun-Lac & Comps	
Thursday 25 November		Thursday of Week 34 <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	
Friday 26 November	7pm	Friday of Week 34 Rosary over Zoom	
Saturday 27 November		Saturday of Week 34	
Sunday 28 November	MASS 11am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C begins	DRF Murphy/ Bolton/ Cunningham/ Smith

A Prayer for Youth and Young Adults

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,
to you we turn in humble prayer.
Look with favour upon all young people,
bearers of hope for the Church and the world.

Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults,
bless the paths of discovery and discernment,
through times of joy and experiences of hardship,
with the constant love and support of your Church.

Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people,
grant that we may journey together, young and old...
to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge,
awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom.

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind,
open our hearts to encounter all young people,
to accompany and be in community together,
and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.

Jesus Christ,
in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit,
graciously hear our prayer
and be with us forevermore. Amen.



Pope Francis, Christus Vivit

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Many Catholics wish Mass to be celebrated for deceased relatives and friends. If so, kindly place the Mass offering along with the list of names in the envelope provided and write the family name on the front. If you do not wish Mass to be said, the names can still be placed in the envelope but please omit the family name on the front. In both cases, please place the envelope in the basket before the Altar. Slips and Envelopes in the porch.



Parish Evening Prayer & Rosary Now the nights really have drawn in, would you like to join the group who celebrate **Evening Prayer (Tuesday 7pm) over Zoom** and the **Rosary (Friday 7pm) over Zoom**. Email: ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com or phone Wilf.



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 sick and housebound of the parish.

Pope's Universal Intention for November - People Who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

NOTE: There will be Service of The Word & Holy Communion instead of Mass this Wednesday 24 November with Deacon Wilf.



Synod A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the **Catholic Church** that culminates in the final **Synod** Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

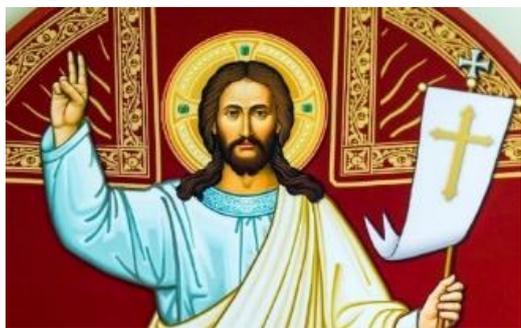
Synod 2021 - 2023 for a synodal Church | communion | participation | mission. Thank you to all those Parishioners who came to the Synod meeting. Fuller details will be available shortly.

Saint of the Week St Cecilia (died November 402) The maiden marriage of St Cecilia, the conversion of her husband St Valerian, his martyrdom together with his brother, and the attempted suffocation over three days in overheated baths, and the final beheading of Cecilia in her own house make up one of the best known stories of the early martyrs, but it has no historical value. Cecilia, who is named in the Roman Canon at Mass, perhaps owes her original cult to her being the foundress of a church in Rome in the fifth century: there is no early record of a virgin martyr called Cecilia,



Her association with music is also a mystery, and may be because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married. St. Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban. Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt, the first of all incorrupt saints. She was draped in a silk veil and wore a gold embroidered dress. Officials only looked through the veil in an act of holy reverence and made no further examinations. They also reported a "mysterious and delightful flower-like odour which proceeded from the coffin."

Gospel John 18:33-37 Yes, I am a king 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the



truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Commentary To crown it all, Jesus has his title above the cross "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". Is that comic relief? Is that protest? Is that the nearest Pilate will ever get to witnessing to the truth? Who knows? What we do know is that Jesus' unfailing witness to the truth marks his true kingship. As his subjects, we will be judged on how we have witnessed to his truth, his love, his way. For a place in the kingdom we will be questioned on our own attitudes and behaviour. We don't have to wait for the last judgement to find out the question that will be asked. When it comes to places in the kingdom, the interviews are already taking place, here and now. When our time comes for judgement, we shouldn't be surprised by the familiar faces. *Denis McBride CSsR*

Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website. Would you like to keep up with news of the church nationally? You can sign up for a weekly update. Many interesting links.

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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: **Eggs, Tinned spaghetti**, Washing Powder/Tabs/Liquid, Washing Up Liquid, long life cartons of **fruit juice**, sponge **puddings**/slab **cake**, pasta/cooking **sauces** (not pasta) wet **dog food**. THANK YOU.