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Christ Victorious,
Rising Glorious,
ALLELUIA!

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 15 May <i>Psalter week 1</i>	MASS 11am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Priest's Intention
Monday 16 May		Monday of 5 th Week of Easter	
Tuesday 17 May	7pm	Tuesday of 5 th Week of Easter Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse Evening Prayer over Zoom	
Wednesday 18 May	10am	Wednesday of 5 th week of Easter <i>Pope St John I</i> Service of the Word & Holy Communion	
Thursday 19 May		St Milburga	
Friday 20 May	7pm	Friday of 5 th week of Easter <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i> Rosary over Zoom	
Saturday 21 May		DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	
Sunday 22 May	MASS 11am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Parishioners



Christian Aid week 15-21 May 2022.

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's. The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children. And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce; vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe. Please collect your Christian Aid envelope from Church and donate what you can - thank you!

**Tuesday is a Day of PRAYER for the victims and survivors of abuse
Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation**

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

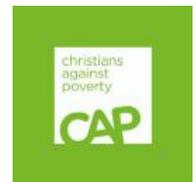
Parish Evening Prayer (Tuesday 7pm) on Zoom and the **Rosary** (Friday 7pm) over Zoom. **Why not think of joining our friendly group?** Contact ssthomasandstephen@gmail.com or Deacon Wilf.

Please keep the following Parishioners in your prayers ... Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, Fedelma Cronin, David Smith, Danny Bonner, Pam Lovett, Niall Gallivan, John McGrath, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian and Dawn Huxley, Sheila Minnery, Shane McGrogan, Doreen Warrilow, Sylvia Mary Stanworth, & all sick and housebound of the parish.



Diocese of Shrewsbury: For a synthesis of the Responses to Pope Francis' Invitation to take part in the Synodal Process 'Journeying Together' go to Shrewsbury-Diocese-Synodality-Report.pdf (dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Christians against Poverty Could YOU help? Market Drayton Debt Centre and courses are a vital part of our ministry of the churches in the area as we seek to show the love of Jesus to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. We need help with the running of our courses; For **Job Club** contact Ali Dolton ☎07554 738425 and the **Life Skills Course** contact Julia Farrant juliafarrant@caplifeskills.org ☎07899 094609.



Saint of the Week Canonisation of **St Charles de Foucauld** The ceremony in Rome today, 15 May, will be the Catholic Church's first canonisation Mass since the start of the pandemic. De Foucauld was born in Strasbourg in 1858 and after being orphaned at the age of six, was raised by his wealthy aristocratic grandfather. Having already lost his faith, as a young man he lived a life of indulgence and was known to have an immature sense of humour. He joined the French military, but resigned at 23, and set off on a dangerous exploration of Morocco. Contact with strong Muslim believers there challenged him, and he began to repeat to himself: "My God, if you exist, let me come to know you."



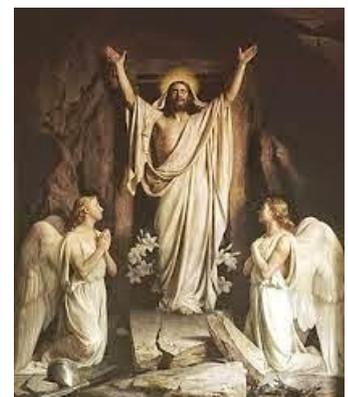
He returned to France and came back to his Catholic faith at the age of 28.

"As soon as I believed in God, I understood that I could not do otherwise than to live for him alone." De Foucauld realized a vocation to "follow Jesus in his life at Nazareth" during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He was a Trappist monk in France and Syria for seven years. He also lived as a hermit in Nazareth. He was ordained a priest in 1901 at age 43 and left for N Africa to serve among the Tuareg people, a nomadic ethnic group, saying he wanted to live among "the furthest removed, the most abandoned." He learned about Tuareg culture and language, compiling a Tuareg-French dictionary, and being a "brother" to the people. He welcomed anyone who passed by, whether Christian, Muslim, Jewish, or pagan. He was assassinated by a band of men at his hermitage in the Sahara on 1 December 1916. He tried to conduct his life so that people would ask, "if such is the servant, what must the Master be like?" De Foucauld was the inspiration for the founding of several lay associations, religious communities, and secular institutes of laity and priests, known collectively as "the spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld."

The Prayer of Abandonment, of St Charles de Foucauld Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Gospel John 13:31-33,34-35 In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. John 13

Commentary As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community. This reading gives the essentials. God is no distant figurehead, for he will come to be present among his disciples. And how? In the love which his disciples show for one another.

The Pope's Universal Intention for May For faith-filled young people We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



Market Drayton Foodbank - items urgently needed please: Carrier Bags, Cleaning Products, UHT Milk, Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice, Shampoo, Packets Of Flavoured Rice/ Pasta/ Noodles, Packets of Instant Mash, Dry Cat & Dog Food, Laundry Powder/ Tabs, Washing Up Liquid, Sponge Puds/ Slab Cake **Thank you!**