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Newsletter 31 March -14 April 2024

EASTER Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 30 March Easter Vigil			Vigil Mass 8pm
Sunday 31 March EASTER SUNDAY	Mass 11am	Elizabeth Heseltine RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 1 April of the Octave			
Tuesday 2 April of the Octave	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		
Wednesday 3 April of the Octave			
Thursday 4 April of the Octave			
Friday 5 April of the Octave	Rosary in Church 7pm		
Saturday 6 April of the Octave			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 7 April (Low Sunday) 2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Mass 11am	People of the Parish	Mass 9.15am
Mon 8 April ANNUNCIATION			
Tuesday 9 April <i>Feria</i>	No Evening Prayer		
Wednesday 10 April <i>Feria</i>			
Thursday 11 April St Stanislaus			
Friday 12 April <i>Feria</i>	Rosary in Church 7pm		
Saturday 13 April			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 14 April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Mass 11am	People of the Parish	Mass 9.15am



The Clocks went forward to British Summer Time overnight 30/31 March

Fr Lee and Helen will be moving into the Presbytery at Newport over the next two weeks, we wish them a smooth relocation

Going forward, after 14 April, weekday Masses at Market Drayton will be on Wednesday at 10am (Confessions 9.15am) and Saturday at 9.30am (Confessions 10am).



Readings for Easter Sunday Day Mass ABC Psalter week 1

Ent antiphon I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia, Too wonderful for me this knowledge, alleluia.

1st reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43. *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

Response **This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.** x3

2nd reading Colossians 3: 1-4. or (1 Corinthians 5: 6-8 alt for any year) *Get rid of all the old yeast, make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20: 1-9. *He must rise from the dead.*

Comm ant **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**



Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter year B Psalter week 2

Ent antiphon Like newborn infants you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation.

1st reading Acts 4: 32-35. *The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.*

Response **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.** x3

2nd reading 1 John 5: 1-6. *In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20: 19-31. *Eight days later, Jesus came.*

Comm ant **Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**



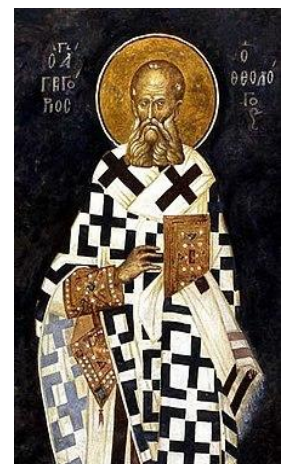
Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers ... Eddie Hickey, Freya Jackson, Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, David Smith, Niall Gallivan, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian & Dawn Huxley, Shane McGroggan, and all sick and housebound of the parish.

The Pope's Intentions for Prayer April for the Role of Women Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



Please pray for the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Morocco, Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen and Iraq and all those in countries affected by natural disaster, war, unrest and conflict; pray for an end to war, and for peace to prevail.

Doctors of the Church: 8/37 St Gregory of Nazianzus 329-389 Archbishop of Constantinople. One of the 4 Great Greek Fathers. He was born in Cappadocia (Turkey), and studied law in Athens where he befriended St Basil the Great. He then joined St Basil in his retreat, but was later ordained by his father, the bishop. He reluctantly accepted the see of Constantinople but spent his last decade in Nazianzus; he was gentle, retiring and peace-loving, and was most effective when writing, principally against Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ, and also on the true doctrine of the Trinity. He left many poems, letters and homilies. Feast Day 2 January together with St Basil. He is the patron of theologians and preachers. "The whole of human life is but a single day, to those who labour with love".



FOODBANK LENT APPEAL Thank you to all who took part in the Lenten Challenge of donating 40p per day. You can still donate, see Helen McSherry for details.

Easter Offering In recent years, the Easter Collection has been given to the priest. Going forward, these offerings will go to the Parish. Therefore, if you wish to give Fr Lee a gift, please give this to him directly and not through the usual Offertory collection.

Offertory	24.03.24	Loose plate £99.64	Envelopes £66.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £346.70	THANK YOU
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