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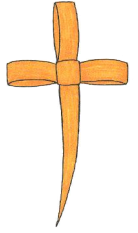
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Newsletter 24-31 March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 23 March			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass 11am	People of the Parish	Mass 9.00am <i>*note time</i>
Monday 25 March Monday of Holy Week			
Tuesday 26 March Tuesday of Holy Week	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		Mass 10am Stations of the Cross 7pm
Wednesday 27 March Wednesday of Holy Week	Mass 10am 10.30 Stations of the Cross	Priest's Intention	Mass 10am
Thursday 28 March HOLY THURSDAY (Maundy)	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 5pm	Priest's Intention	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm followed by Watching
Friday 29 March GOOD FRIDAY	Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12 noon Maria Desolata 7pm		Stations of the Cross 10am Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm
Saturday 30 March HOLY SATURDAY			Easter Vigil Mass 8pm
Sunday 31 March EASTER SUNDAY	Mass 11am	Elizabeth Heseltine RIP	Mass 9.15am



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 9.15 before each weekday Liturgy, or by appointment with Fr Lee

In Passiontide, crosses and images are veiled to heighten the focus on the Passion and suffering of Jesus

Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord year B Psalter week 2

Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest.

Gospel Mark 11: 1-10. *Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.*
1st reading Isaiah 50: 4-7. *I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.*

Response **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me. x4**
2nd reading Philippians 2: 6-11. *He humbled himself, but God raised him high.*
Acclamation **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high, and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47 *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*
Comm ant **Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**



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.

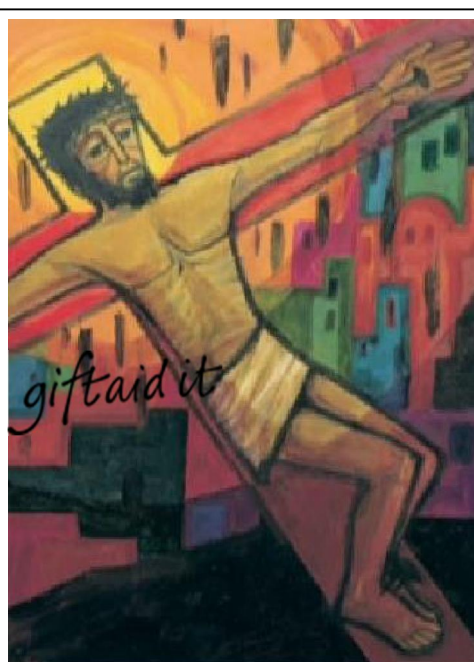
Please pray for peace in all those countries affected by war, unrest and conflict and famine.

Doctors of the Church: 7/37 St Basil the Great 330-379 Born at Caesaria in Cappadocia (Turkey), the son of saints and grandson of a martyr, he established the first monastery in Asia Minor, and became Bishop of Caesaria, defending against the Arian heresy; he wrote many doctrinal works, and founded a hospital for the sick and poor. As a monk he is regarded as the father of Eastern monks and ranks with St Benedict, although his Rule is more ascetic. Feast Day 2 January. Patron of Russia. He wrote:



“I had wasted much time on follies and spent nearly all of my youth in vain labours, and devotion to the teachings of a wisdom that God had made foolish. Suddenly, I awoke as out of a deep sleep. I beheld the wonderful light of the Gospel truth, and I recognized the nothingness of the wisdom of the princes of this world. “

Image: Icon of St. Basil the Great from the St. Sophia Cathedral of Kiev



Stations of the Cross

11. Jesus is nailed to the cross

Attention all Gift Aid Donors The tax year 2023/24 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Helen McSherry know by email by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in 2023/24. Please also let us know if you have changed your address.

Offertory Envelopes 2024-25 The boxes of envelopes for next financial year (2024-25) are now available, please take yours. Any Parishioners who kindly leave cash donations on a Sunday, please can we ask you to give careful consideration to donating via an Offertory Envelope/ Standing Order and gift aiding it (if you are eligible to)? The process is very simple, you can either set up the Standing Order yourself through on-line banking or complete a form and hand it to your bank. Both forms are available on the Church website/ from the Church Porch. If you need forms sent to you or for further information on Offertory Envelopes, please contact Helen McSherry at sstthomasandstephen@gmail.com We would very much appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

The Stations of the Cross pictured here were designed by the Benedictines of Turvey Abbey; if you would like to request a

physical copy of their 2023 Stations of the Cross Booklet, please email: parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk It is free but you can make a donation.

FOODBANK LENT APPEAL Are you taking part in our Lenten Challenge? By giving up 40p per day for 40 days of Lent you can raise enough to support a local family in crisis this Easter. Gift aid forms are available in the Church Porch and any monies collected can be given to Helen McSherry or see the Foodbank website for alternative payment methods: <https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>. Thank you!



Offertory	17.03.24	Loose plate £69.06	Envelopes £59.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £309.12	THANK YOU
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✠ **Fr Lee writes...** Can I say a huge **Thank You** to all those who have expressed such warm congratulations on the news of my appointment as Parish Priest of Newport and Market Drayton. Your kind words are greatly appreciated. Please pray for me and for Fr Anthony in this period of transition for both of us.

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.

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