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Newsletter 5 – 12 May 2024

6th Sunday of EASTER

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 4 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9.30	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 5 May 6 th Sunday of Easter	Mass 11am	Alan Chadwick RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 6 May <i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday 7 May <i>Feria</i>	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		Mass 10am
Wednesday 8 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10am
Thursday 9 May ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Mass 10am	People of the Parish	Mass 10am Mass 7pm
Friday 10 May <i>St John of Ávila</i>	Rosary 7pm		Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction
Saturday 11 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass 9.30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 12 May 7 th Sunday of Easter	Mass 9am * note earlier time	James Bonner RIP	Mass 9.15am



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

9.15 on Wednesday, 10am on Saturday or by appointment with Fr Lee

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is celebrated annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It offers an opportunity for Eastern and Western Christians to come together to pray for peace in the world – especially in the Middle East. Read More (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pray-for-eastern-christians/>)

The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension, Thursday 9 May, will be celebrated here at 10am.

Mass on Sunday 12 May will be celebrated here at the **earlier time of 9am** because of the road closure by 10.30 for the annual 10k race. See over page to sponsor Deacon Wilf.



TODAY – Refreshments after Mass Get to know your fellow parishioners: On the 1st Sunday of each month, after Mass, in the Presbytery. All are most welcome.

Missio Red Box holders are invited to a Diocesan Mass on to be celebrated by Rt Rev Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury, on Saturday 1 June at 11am at St Michael and All Angels, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE. RSVP by 24 May redbox@mission.org.uk or 07593544625



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.

Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter year B **Psalter week 2**

Ent antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, Alleluia!

1st reading Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48. *The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.*

Response **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. x3**

2nd reading 1 John 4: 7-10. *God is Love.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. alleluia!'**

Gospel John 15: 9-17. *A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Comm ant **If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, Alleluia!**



Readings for the Ascension of the Lord year B

Ent antiphon **Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go. Alleluia!**

1st reading Acts 1: 1-11. *He was lifted up while they looked on.*

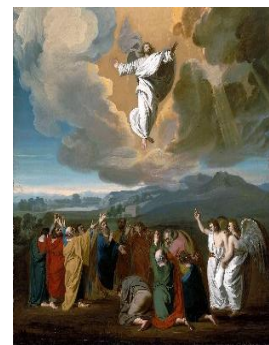
Response **God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. x3**

2nd reading Ephesians 1: 17-23. *He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Go make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time, Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 16: 15-20. *He was taken up into heaven; there at the right hand of God he took his place.*

Comm ant **Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Alleluia!**



The Pope's Intentions for Prayer - May: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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

Doctors of the Church: Doctors of the Church: 11/37 St Anselm of Canterbury 1033-1109

The Magnificent Doctor. Born in Aosta, Lombardy, Italy, the son of a landowner, Anselm was Abbot of Bec in Normandy, and nominated Archbishop of Canterbury by King William Rufus in 1093. His bitter disputes with the King over the independence of the church led to him being exiled twice. He is remembered for his theological writing, especially on the Incarnation, and for organising and reforming church life in England. He had a sensitive mind and a generous heart. He was one of the first to oppose the selling of men as chattels. He wrote a treatise on the Incarnation, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1729 without having been canonised. Feast day 21 April. He wrote "*I want to understand something of the truth which my heart believes and loves. I do not seek thus to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order that I may understand. For if I did not believe, I would not understand*". He is a patron of theologians and philosophers.



Pilgrimage to Knock Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, Sunday 16 June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Year of Prayer 2024 Diocese of Shrewsbury Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore on **Wed 15 May 7-8pm** Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore!. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.



Market Drayton 10km Run Sponsorship Deacon Wilf McSherry will be again running the race on Sunday 12 May. Any funds raised will be divided equally between Myeloma UK and Church funds. There is a form in the Church Porch if you would like to donate – thank you.

Open Garden Brook House, Meretown, Newport TF10 8BX Saturday 18 May 2-5pm, admission £5 in aid of All Saints Church, Forton and St Francis Malawi Trust. Limited wheelchair access. Parking opposite church. No dogs.

Offertory	28.04.24	Loose plate £125.80	Envelopes £59.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £365.86	THANK YOU
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