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### Newsletter 23 – 30 June 2024

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 22 June	Mass 9.30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 23 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Mary Colgan RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 24 June NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST			
Tuesday 25 June <i>Feria</i>	Zoom Evening Prayer		Mass 10am
Wednesday 26 June <i>St Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer</i>	Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10am
Thursday 27 June <i>Feria</i>			Mass 7pm
Friday 28 June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	No Rosary		Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction
Saturday 29 June	Mass 9.30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 30 June SS PETER & PAUL	Mass 11am	Joe Cunneen RIP	Mass 9.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 9.15 Wednesday, 10am Saturday or by appointment with Fr Lee

#### Readings for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 4

*Ent antiphon* The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

*1st reading* Job 3: 1, 8-11. *Here your proud waves shall break.*

**Response** O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever. x4


*2nd reading* 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17. *Now the new creation is here.*

**Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

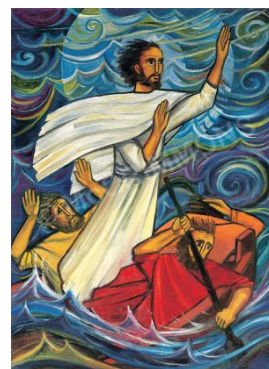
*Gospel* Mark 4: 35-41. *Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.2*

**Comm ant** The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Smith, wife of parishioner David, who has recently died, and for her family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

 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.

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



**The Pope's Intentions for Prayer June For those fleeing their own countries** Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.



**New Lectionary** The translation of the Bible used at Mass will change on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 2024 from the Jerusalem Bible to the English Standard Version. CTS are now advertising the new Missals, available in October, at the price of £19.95. Order early June for a 10% discount (£17.96) and if you order with the parish order, it will also be free of postage. A list is in the porch for you to sign up for your copy. **Today is the last day for this order.** Please put your payment in an envelope marked with Lectionary and your name. Cash, or Cheques (payable to SS Thomas & Stephen) to Helen McSherry.



**New Lectionary Donations** The church will be purchasing the Lectionary Ambo Edition (there are Four Volumes) and the Book of the Gospels. The prices of these are £695.00 for the Four Volumes of Readings (£173.75 per volume) and £395.00 for the Book of the Gospels. (This is before the preproduction discount). Each volume comes with a donation plate to be stuck into the front of each book. Should anyone wish to donate towards the cost of these for example in loving memory of departed loved ones, or in thanksgiving, do please speak to Fr Lee or Deacon Wilf.

**Doctors of the Church: 16/37 St Bernard of Clairvaux** 1090-1153 He was born in Dijon, France in the family château, and led a careless life until he was 23, when he joined the monastery at Cîteaux (whose Abbot was St Stephen Harding) together with 4 of his brothers and 27 friends, and later was sent to found Clairvaux, of which he became Abbot. He established 68 Cistercian monasteries, including Rievaulx and Fountains in Yorkshire, took part in councils, preached in France and Germany, wrote much (especially on the Song of Songs), and engaged in complicated politics to preserve the peace of the Church. Declared a Doctor in 1830. Feast Day 20 August. He is patron of Gibraltar, beekeepers and wax melters. *'If there should be a monastery without an ill tempered and awkward member, go and find one – so great is the profit that results from this trial, when it is used properly.'*



**General Election: Bishop Mark's Statement on the General Election 2024** Copies are available in the porch. More information on the election can be found on the website of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

**Let's End Poverty and Caritas** engage with local candidates at this General Election. Caritas Shrewsbury are part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, at the General Election? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>



**Retreat Day of Prayer** The year 2025 is the next Jubilee Year in the Church and will be launched on 24 December 2024. Pope Francis has asked the Church to prepare well for this important year and has accordingly proclaimed 2024 a *Year of Prayer*.

In response, the Shrewsbury Diocese Team for Evangelisation and Mission will be running a **Retreat Day of Prayer** for parishes across the Diocese, and we are now coming to the parish of **St Peter and St Paul, Newport, on Saturday the 6 July 2024 10-3 pm** at Salters Hall, 1 Salters Lane, Newport TF10 7LB. To Register, please get in touch with Jane Deegan at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) ☎ 07517 906435 Please pick up a flyer at the back of the Church for more information. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Castlerigg Manor** is the retreat centre of the Diocese of Lancaster, based in Keswick in the Lake District and we have some available weekends for the coming academic year. **We are offering a special rate for weekends outside of the summer term, which means that it's just £81 per person, meals included.** Castlerigg has 72 beds, seven acres of grounds, our own chapel, large group rooms, small group meeting rooms, and we're just ten minutes' walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. If you're interested, contact our Business Manager, Adrienne [business@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:business@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**Dementia UK** Congratulations to Pauline Lauder on her Sponsored Walk. Please give any outstanding moneys to Pauline today as they will be sent in later this week. Thank you for your donations.

**Refreshments after Mass** Now on the 1st Sunday of each month, all welcome.  
Second Collection next week for Peter's Pence.

<b>Offertory</b>	16.06.2024	Loose plate £189.51	Envelopes £61.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £431.57	<b>Thank You</b>
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