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Newsletter 30 June – 7 July Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
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
Monday 1 July <i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>			
Tuesday 2 July <i>Feria week 13 in OT</i>	NO Evening Prayer		Mass 10am
Wednesday 3 July ST THOMAS	Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10am
Thursday 4 July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>			Mass 7pm
Friday 5 July <i>St Anthony Maria Zacharia</i>	NO Rosary		Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction
Saturday 6 July	NO Mass		Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 7 July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Alan Chadwick RIP	Mass 9.15am

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

Second Collection today for Peter's Pence

We send our prayers to the Parish of SS Peter & Paul at Newport who celebrate their Patronal Feast

Readings for the solemnity of St Peter & St Paul *Psalter week 1 (Week 13 in Ordinary Time)*

Ent antiphon These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

1st reading Acts 12: 1-11 *Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.*

Response **From all my terrors the Lord set me free** x4

or alt **The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.** x4

2nd reading 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18. *All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 16: 13-19. *You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

Comm ant **Peter said to Jesus: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church'.**



† 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. Her funeral will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, TF9 1AD, on Wednesday 3 July at 11am. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



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, at the parish of **St Peter and St Paul, Newport, Newport TF10 7LB** on **Saturday the 6 July 2024 10am -3 pm**.

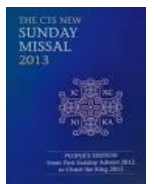
To Register, please get in touch with Jane Deegan at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org ☎ 07517 906435 Please pick up a flyer at the back of the Church for more information. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

The Pope’s Intentions for Prayer July: For the pastoral care of the sick: Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord’s strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.



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.

New Lectionary Donations For use from the 1st Sunday in Advent we will be purchasing the Lectionary Ambo Edition and the Book of the Gospels. Thank you to all those who have donated. We are still accepting donations towards the 4 Volumes of Readings at around £170 for each volume. 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: 17/37 St Hilary of Poitiers c315-367 Feast Day 13 January. Hilary, whose name comes from the Latin word for happy or cheerful, was born in Poitiers, Gaul (France). He was elected Bishop c353, but exiled 356-360 to Phrygia by the Roman emperor Constantius II for not condemning the leading opponent of Arianism, St. Athanasius the Great, at the Council of Béziers. While in Phrygia, he wrote *De Trinitate* the first work in Latin to deal with the issues of the Trinitarian controversies. His reaffirmation of orthodoxy, almost alone in Gaul, earned him the title of the Athanasius of the West, sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, Probably the earliest hymnist, he composed a book of lyrics c360. He was declared a Doctor of the Church (Doctor of the Divinity of Christ) in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. He was married, and father of Abra of Poitiers, a nun and saint who became known for her charity. *“There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas; dwelling in all things and enveloping all.”*

☒ 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 & 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>



Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life led by Rt Rev Dr David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton. Commencing at 12 noon with Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation on Saturday 3rd August. For details see www.prolifepilgrimage.org ☎01858 571242 ☎07779 122365. Follow online at youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV or walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/.

Bishop David Waller Please join Fr Lee in giving thanks to God for the Episcopal Ordination of David Waller on 22nd June. Bishop David is the 2nd Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, and its first Bishop.

Next week: Refreshments after Mass NEXT WEEK Enjoy a chat with your fellow parishioners: All are welcome. Held 1st Sunday of each month, after Mass.



Offertory	23.06.2024	Loose plate £82.08	Envelopes £69.00	Standing Orders £181.06	Total £332.14	Thank you
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