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Newsletter 14 - 21 July 2024
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 13 July	Mass 9.30am		Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 14 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Mary McLoughlin RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 15 July St Bonaventure			
Tuesday 16 July <i>Feria</i>			Mass 10am
Wednesday 17 July <i>Feria</i>	Mass 10am No Exposition	Gerrarda Buckley RIP	Mass 10am
Thursday 18 July <i>Feria</i>			Mass 7pm
Friday 19 July St John Plessington			Mass 10am Exposition & Benediction
Saturday 20 July	Mass 9.30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 21 July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Mary Lily & Hughie Finnegan RIP	Mass 9.15am

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

There will be no Evening Prayer and Rosary this week as Deacon Wilf is away

Sea Sunday - Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers 2nd collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

Let us pray for Seafarers, Fishers, and the work of Stella Maris formerly the Apostleship of the Sea. When seafarers and fishers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger.



Readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 3

Ent antiphon As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st reading Amos 7: 12-15. *Go, prophesy to my people.*

Response **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. x3**

2nd reading Ephesians 1: 3-14. *Before the world was made, God chose us.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 6: 7-13. *He began to send them out, in pairs.*

Comm ant **The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**





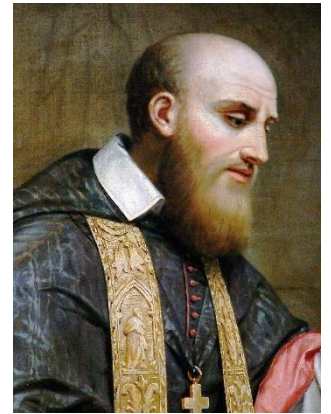
The Pope's Intentions for Prayer July For the pastoral care of the sick: Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

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.

Doctors of the Church: 19/37 St Francis de Sales 1567-1622 Francis was the eldest son of a noble family, studied law in Paris and Padua, and was ordained in 1593. As Bishop of Geneva he established a seminary at Annecy, had a gentle manner and insisted on simple preaching. His effect on the indifferent was most marked. With (St) Jane Francis de Chantal he founded the Visitation nuns. He wrote the Treatise of the Love of God, and the very readable Introduction to the Devout Life written, unusually for the time, for the lay person; in it he counselled charity over penance as a means of progressing in the spiritual life. Only 56 when he died, he was declared a Doctor (Doctor of Charity) in 1877 and is patron of journalists and other writers, and of the Deaf. Feast Day 24 January *'God requires a faithful fulfilment of the merest trifle given to us, rather than the most ardent aspiration to things to which we are not called.'*



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/

Lourdes by Jumbulance The Chester Across Group are going to Lourdes by Jumbulance from Thursday 15 to Saturday 24 August. We travel overland in an adapted coach, which has seven beds on board. Therefore, we can take some sick or disabled pilgrims and so far, we have a Doctor and two nurses and several helpers. However, we need two more helpers and there is a place for someone who is sick or disabled. The cost is £1,095 but help with costs is available. Current Passport required. Travel Insurance is available for just £65. Search our website for an example of our care. <http://www.across.org.uk/?s=Aj>. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk.



Christian Heritage Centre: Living Catholicism Today summer course, 1st – 4th August at Stonyhurst, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9PZ. How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

Thank you - Lectionary Donations A huge thank you to those who have made donations to the Lectionaries and the Book of the Gospels. We are very grateful to all those who have made donations, however large or small, your generosity is very much appreciated. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards these costs, please see Fr Lee or Deacon Wilf. A mass of thanksgiving will be offered for all donors when the books arrive. Refreshments after Mass. Now on the 1st Sunday of each month, after Mass.

2nd collection today for Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

Offertory	07/07/2024	Loose plate £134.37	Envelopes £43.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £358.43	Thank you
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