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## Newsletter 21 July – 4 August 2024 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 20 July	Mass 9.30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 21 July 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Mary Lily & Hughie Finnegan RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 22 July ST MARY MAGD			
Tuesday 23 July ST BRIDGET	Zoom Eve Prayer 7pm		
Wednesday 24 July			
Thursday 25 July ST JAMES			
Friday 26 July SS Joachim & Anne	Rosary 7pm		
Saturday 27 July			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 28 July 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	People of the Parish	Mass 9.15am
Monday 29 July SS Mary, Martha & Lazarus			
Tuesday 30 July <i>Feria</i>	Zoom Eve Prayer 7pm		Mass 10am
Wednesday 31 July St Ignatius	Mass 10am Adoration & Benediction	Priest's Intention	Mass 10am
Thursday 1 August St Alphonsus			Mass 7pm
Friday 2 August <i>Feria</i>	Rosary 7pm		Mass 10am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 3 August St Oswald	Mass 9.30am Confessions 10am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 4 August 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Jackie Harper RIP	Mass 9.15am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before weekday Masses or by appointment with Fr Lee**

**We welcome Fr Terence Coyne who will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 28 July**

**Please note there will be no weekday (incl. Saturday) Masses 22-27 July as Fr Lee is on holiday**

**Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly** On Friday 26 July we celebrate the feast of SS Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady. Sunday 28 July is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis' message reminds us that God never abandons his children, never. He chose the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" Ps 71:9. "The loneliness of the elderly is often not perceived as a problem. But the Church is called to build something different, to rediscover the taste for fraternity, and to build bonds between generations". Read More <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-message-to-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2024/>

**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 McGrogan, and all sick and housebound of the parish.

**Readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 4**

*Ent antiphon* See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with a willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

*1st reading* Jeremiah 23: 1-6 *The remnant of my flock I will gather, and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.*

**Response** **The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.** x4

*2nd reading* Ephesians 2: 13-18. *Christ Jesus is the peace between us and has made the two into one.*

**Acclamation** **Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!**

*Gospel* Mark 6: 30-34. *They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

**Comm ant** **The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**



**Readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 1**

*Ent antiphon* God is in his holy place, God unites all who dwell in this house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

*1st reading* 2 Kings 4: 42-44. *They will eat and have some left over.*

**Response** **You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.** x3

*2nd reading* Ephesians 4: 1-6. *One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

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

*Gospel* John 6: 1-15. *Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*

**Comm ant** **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**



**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. **August: For Political Leaders** Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



**Doctors of the Church 20/37 St Cyril of Alexandria c376-444** Little is known of his early life; in 412 he succeeded his uncle as Bishop of Alexandria. He used his authority to battle with spirit for orthodoxy, and earlier in his career sometimes acted insensitively, but later took the lead at the Council of Ephesus and became more moderate and conciliatory, writing outstanding treatises of theology, for which he is held in honour. Pope Leo XIII named him Doctor of the Incarnation in 1882. Feast Day 27 June and patron of Alexandria. *"He undertook to help the descendants of Abraham, fashioning a body for himself from a woman and sharing our flesh and blood, so that we could see him not only as God, but also, because of this union, a man like ourselves."*

**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 3 August. For details see [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) (01858 571242 (07779 122365. Follow online at [www.youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV) or [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/).



**Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham** The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24 September. Read More <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/our-lady-of-walsingham-now-a-feast-in-dioceses-of-england/> <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-welcomes-instrumentum-laboris-for-octobers-synod/>

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** We keep in our prayers all those going on the Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25 July-2 August. May it be for them a time of renewal, healing and joy.

<b>Offertory</b>	14/07/24	Loose plate £99.35	Envelopes £66.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £346.41	<b>Thank you</b>
Stella Maris (to date)					£40.00	



All are invited to Refreshments after Mass on Sunday **4 August**, first Sunday of the month.

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