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Newsletter 4 - 18 August 2024 18th & 19th Sundays in Ordinary Time

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 3 August			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 4 August 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Jackie Harper RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 5 August <i>St Mary Major</i>			
Tues 6 August TRANSFIGURATION	Zoom Eve Prayer 7pm		
Wednesday 7 August			
Thursday 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>			
Friday 8 August ST TERESA B of †	Rosary 7pm		
Sat 10 August ST LAWRENCE			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 11 August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Tom Colgan RIP	Mass 9.15am
Monday 12 August <i>St Jane F de C</i>			
Tuesday 13 August	Zoom Eve Prayer 7pm		
Wednesday 14 August <i>St Max K</i>			
Thursday 15 August ASSUMPTION OF BVM	Mass 10am		Mass 7pm
Friday 16 August <i>St Stephen of H</i>	Rosary 7pm		
Saturday 17 August			Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 18 August 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11am	Michael Bonner RIP	Mass 9.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment with Fr Lee

Please note there will be no weekday Masses these two weeks
as Fr Lee has been called for Jury Service

Thursday 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and a Holyday of Obligation:

we welcome Fr Terence Coyne who will celebrate Mass for us.

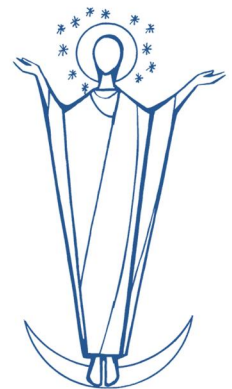
Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers ... Eddie Hickey, Freya Jackson, Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, David Smith, Niall Gallivan, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian & Dawn Huxley, Shane McGroggan, and all sick and housebound of the parish.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Pope's Intentions for Prayer 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.



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.



Readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 2

Ent antiphon O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

1st reading Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15. *I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.*

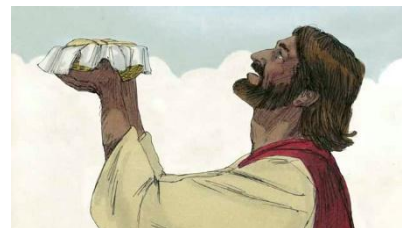
Response **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.** x3

2nd reading Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24. *Put on the new self that has been created God's way.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

Gospel John 6: 24-35. *He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

Comm ant **You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**



Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 3

Ent antiphon Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

1st reading 1 Kings 19: 4-8. *Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.*

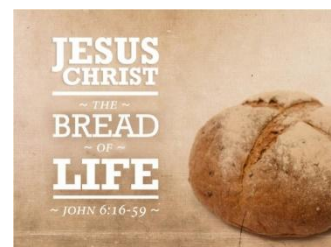
Response **Taste and see that the Lord is good.** x4

2nd reading Ephesians 4: 30 – 5: 2. *Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.*

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

Gospel John 6: 41-51. *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.*

Comm ant **O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**



Readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption ABC

Entrance ant A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

1st reading Apocalypse 11:19; 12: 1-6, 10. *A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.*

Response **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.** x2

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26. *Christ as the first-fruits, and then those who belong to him.*

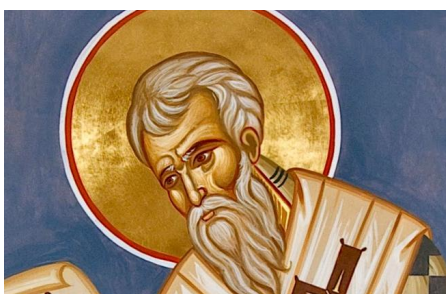
Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 1: 39-56. *The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.*

Comm ant **All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**



Doctors of the Church 21/37 St Cyril of Jerusalem. 315-386 Feast Day 18 March. Another Cyril, this week



Cyril of Jerusalem. Not a lot is known about his life: he was bishop of Jerusalem and had a stormy episcopate. He is mainly famous for two series of instructions for catechumens, in Lent on Baptism, and the other after Easter on the Sacraments. They are said to be the earliest examples extant of a formal system of theology. He also fostered the development of the Holy City as a pilgrimage centre for all Christendom. He was declared Doctor of the church by Leo XIII. He is patron of catechists, brewers, lecturers, theologians and students. *“Christ referred to the grace of the Spirit as water because through water all plants and animals live.”.*

Offertory	21.07.24	Loose plate £85.36	Envelopes £49.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £315.42	Thank You
	28.07.24	£87.84	£60.00	£181.06	£328.90	

**TODAY Sunday 4 August: All are invited to Refreshments after Mass.
We are famous for our cake!**



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