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29 September – 6 October 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Weekdays Year 2

Date	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 28 September	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 29 September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Parishioners	Mass 9:15am
Monday 30 September St Jerome			
Tuesday 1 October St Theresa of the Child Jesus	Evening Prayer Zoom 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 2 October Guardian Angels	No Mass		No Mass
Thursday 3 October <i>Feria</i>			Mass 7:00pm
Friday 4 October St Francis of Assisi	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 5 October St Maris Faustina Kowalska	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intention	Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 6 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 11:00am	Parishioners	Mass 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00am Saturday or by appointment with Fr Lee

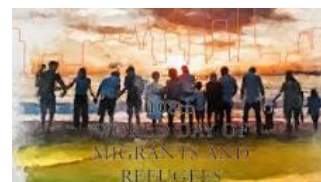
We welcome Fr Terence Coyne who will celebrate Mass for us today

The second (of four) Annual Mass Counts will be made today



Annual Mass Count takes place each year during the last two weekends of September and first two weekends of October. Please note the count is not taken at any of the weekday Masses nor the Saturday morning Mass at Market Drayton. The figures attending each Mass are entered onto an annual statistics form that is submitted to the diocese each year.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday 29 September 2024 The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The theme of Pope Francis' message for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is: *God walks with His people*. In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven.



Friday 4 October, Family Fast Day, is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World.

The **Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, lasts until the feast of St Francis this Thursday. The theme this year is '**Hope and act with Creation**' drawn from the St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B Psalter week 2

Ent antiphon All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

1st reading Numbers 11: 25-29. *Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets.*

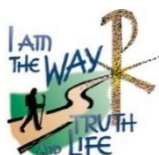
Response **The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.** x4

2nd reading James 5: 1-6. *Your wealth is all rotting.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48. *Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

Comm ant **Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.**



Catechesis Market Drayton Dates and Times - Dates for the sessions are: 1 October, 8/9 October, 15/16 October, 22/23 October, 29/30 October and 6 November. It's not too late to come along. (Note: due to Fr Alban's funeral date, the morning session on Wed 2 October is rescheduled to Wed 6 November.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. We will be running a course this year for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic. If you, or anyone you know is interested in exploring coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Lee.



The Pope's Intentions for Prayer - September: For the Cry of the Earth Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers ... Kathleen & John Thorneycroft, 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, Lebanon, 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 25/37 St Peter Canisius 1521-1597. Feast Day 21 December. Peter Canisius (Kanis) was born the son of a Burgermeister at Nijmegen, (then in Germany, now Holland) and joined the Society of Jesus, becoming well known as a preacher. He worked in many places widely across Europe, including six months with St Ignatius of Loyola in Rome; it is said he travelled 20,000 miles on foot or on horseback. In an age of violence, he stands out as a model of moderation, being an outstanding member of the Catholic revival that followed the Council of Trent. He realised the influence of the press and encouraged printers and publishers. He wrote much, including three Catechisms for different ages. He was canonised in 1925 and declared a Doctor of the Church and is patron of the Catholic press and of Germany.



"Let the world indulge its madness, for it cannot endure and passes like a shadow. But we, buried deep in the wounds of Christ, why should we be dismayed?"

Mum's Retreat Morning All Mums are warmly invited to a free Retreat Morning on Saturday 12 October, 9.30-11.30am at St Teresa's Trent Vale, ST4 6SR. There will be coffee and cake, a brief talk, Eucharistic Adoration and time for personal prayer and reflection, Babies in arms are welcome and there will be toys available, Please contact Esther Corrigan at estherjfcorrigan@gmail.com or 07875 601619 to register or with any questions.

Offertory	22.09.24	Loose plate £136.00	Envelopes £46.00	St Orders £181.06	Total £363.06	Thank You
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*Refreshments after Mass next Sunday, 6 October, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support
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