



***The Catholic Parishes of  
Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley  
and  
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

*The parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216*

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Thirty- Second Sunday of the Year  
Remembrance Sunday  
Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**“For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.”**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		People of the parishes
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Bill Anyon The Rosary – For Peace in the World Repose of the Soul of Sue Burke
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>11.00 am</b>	Requiem Mass for Margaret McGibbon <b>(Please note earlier time)</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Charles and Mary Henry, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration Forgotten Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>		9.15 am 12.30 pm 6.30pm	Holy Souls Requiem Mass for Karen Blaszczyk Vespers with Adoration ( to pray for the mission)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>		7. 00 pm	Confirmation Mass
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>		10.00 am	Bill Anyon, Mass followed by Adoration until 11 am
<b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		People of the parishes
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Mary Florence The Rosary – For Peace in the World Phillippa Darby (nee Stokes)

**Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 am – 11.30 am. At Ashley Saturday's 5.25pm – 5.45 pm.**

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our parishes, including: Marjorie Dray, Neil Beardmore, Private Intention, Bernard Rudd, Bill Doolan, Marie Murphy, Jessie Rowley, Philip Fradley, Barbara Jones, John Cooney, Vicky Anderson – Mellor, Gabriella Watts, Rita Keogh, Chris Fields, Marjorie Leese, Margaret Boden, Elizabeth Mallow, Jo Manley, Nick Goucher, Pat Merry, Father Charles Lloyd, Jean Ford, Michael Cope, Ian Watts, Bridie Gaffey, Ron Hill, Rose Owen, Joseph Lockington, John, Linda O'Rourke, John Stevenson, Michael Somers, Margaret Pankhurst, Tim Gibson, Holly Taylor, Mary Gregory, and all those who have asked for prayers. May the healing touch of the Lord be with them all!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret (Bunny) McGibbon. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at **11.00 am** at St Werburgh's. **(Please note earlier time)**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Karen Blaszczyk. Her Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady & St Werburgh's on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30 pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Bromfield. Reception into Our Lady & St John the Baptist Ashley on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Requiem Mass on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30 am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Katherine Simpson. Her Funeral service will take place at Bradwell Crematorium on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 12.40 pm.  
Please keep all their families and friends in your prayers.

**Mass for Deceased Clergy:** On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

**Holy Souls Envelopes:** At each Mass during the month of November we will pray for our deceased loved ones. You are invited to write down the names of those you would especially like to remember, or if you would like to enclose a donation towards a Mass for Holy Souls please put in one of the **white envelopes provided**. The envelopes will be brought to the altar at each Mass.

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone in particular, please put your Mass offering and the name of your loved one in the **brown envelope provided**.

<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>11.11.17:</b> M. Hartley/B. Bromfield	<b>18.11.17:</b> H. Brown/E.Mifflin
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>12.11.17:</b> M. Lycett	J. Taylor/M. Taylor
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>19.11.17:</b> K. Lycett	L. Machin/H. Carter
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>12.11.17:</b> Hughes	
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>19.11.17:</b> Carter/Waters	
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>11.11.17:</b> Alan	<b>18.11.17:</b> Bernard
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 12.11.17:</b> Group 4	<b>W/c 19.11.17:</b> Group 5
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>W/c 13.11.17:</b> V. Door/C. Quinlan	<b>20.11.17:</b> D. Dutton
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Ashley 13.11.17:</b> V. Door <b>20.11.17:</b> V. Door	<b>Clayton:</b> 19.11.17: P. J. Palmer 26.11.17: S. Walker
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>12.11.17:</b> Martin	<b>19.11.17:</b> Sue

### Diary Dates

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Altar Servers Training after 10 am Mass
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mission Planning Meeting 11.30 am in the upper room.
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Faith Enrichment for Families 4.30 – 5.30 pm in the parish hall
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Journey in Faith 8pm in the Upper Room
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Confirmation Mass at Clayton 7pm
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parish Committee Meeting 7pm <b>(Meet at 6pm to set up the hall for the fayre)</b>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Fayre
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan/11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parish Mission

### Advent Fayre Collection Dates

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Books & Toys	Gifts & Toiletries	Mystery Jars	Bottles/Chocolates	Cakes

**Lists for Advent Fayre:** Please sign the lists in the porch if you can offer help with setting up the fayre, helping on the day, providing cakes or donating a raffle prize.

**Raffle Tickets:** Now available as you leave Mass today. Please take some to sell to family and friends.

**First Holy Communion Preparation 2018:** Please can parents of any children living in the parishes of Our Lady & St Werburgh/Our Lady and St John the Baptist who have children due to make their First Holy Communion in June 2018 and who are **NOT** attending a Catholic primary school please see Father Anton.

**Youth Group at Clayton:** Will start on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15 - 8.00 pm for years 5 & 6.**

**PARISH MISSION - INTO THE LIGHT: 27th JANUARY - 11th FEBRUARY 2018** We are greatly looking forward to welcoming the Sion Community into our parishes early in the New Year; to lead us through a time of celebration, renewal and outreach. This weekend we will commence a Parish Census. The purpose of this is two-fold: to aid the pastoral work of the Parish and as a way to 'opt in' to the home visiting, offered by the Sion Mission Team. The next planning meeting will be on Sunday 12th November at 11.30am in the Upper Room - all welcome! As ever: **Pray:** Please pray for the success of our Mission. Maybe consider joining us on Thursday's at 6.30pm for Evening Prayer, before the Blessed Sacrament?

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Parishioners,

This Remembrance Sunday we call to mind the tragedy of war and the loss of life because of it. We pray in November for all Holy Souls, but this weekend our focus is very much on all the souls who have left this world through wars and violence. War is such a salient reminder of how greatly we are in need of God's grace. The words of the Beatitudes come to mind "Blessed are the peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." During Mass at Ashley and the 10 a.m. at Clayton a lament will be played in honour of those who lost their lives in the service of their country.

This week we had the Linkline Mass which was to celebrate 10 Years of Service to the housebound of the region. We give thanks for its success and the generosity of those who support it directly and indirectly. We also remembered those involved in the Linkline Service and are now with the Lord awaiting eternal life. Many thanks to everyone involved.

To strengthen our faith and give us true hope for a good and better world we pray for the success of our coming Mission in the New Year. Preparations are going well, but we urgently need volunteers who would be willing to provide a single bed and breakfast for one week. The mission person would come in the evening having been fed and watered. For breakfast they would only require access of a toaster and tea/coffee which they would prepare themselves. All other catering will be met within the school and church. Please consider this need and let us know.

Once more we say our prayer of preparation together; ***Father, pour your Spirit upon the people of these two parishes Grant us a new vision of your glory, and new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Please note we have our parish census today. It will be a way of updating our information and also gives people a chance to opt into a visit from our parish mission team. It will not be a hard sell rather a chance to talk a little with them about faith and what it means to you. All the clergy I have spoken to say that the team is very respectful and positively helpful. Please make them welcome.

This week we remember especially Margaret Bunny McGibbon whose Requiem is on Tuesday and also Karen Blaszczyk whose Requiem is on Thursday. Please pray for them and their families that they may have eternal rest.

The following week on Monday we have the Requiem of Margaret Bromfield over at Ashley and the Service on Friday of Katherine Mary Simpson. Once again we ask your prayers for the repose of their souls and the care of their families.

Finally may I remind you that at the end of the week we have our Confirmation Mass for Years five and six! Bishop McGough will be once more visiting the school and conducting the service for our children. We remember that a change of name is a change of heart, a renewal of commitment to the service of the Lord. It is a beautiful and spiritual occasion.

God bless and keep you safe in his care!

***Father Anton s.c.j.***