



***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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Twenty – Second Sunday of the Year  
Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see  
what hope his call holds for us.**

**Alleluia!**

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Dennis Austin The Rosary – For Peace in the World Maureen and John Mulrooney
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>		7.15 pm 9.30 am	Deceased of the Flynn family Special Intention, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am
	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration Francis Gallagher
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>		9.15 am	Sister Rosarii
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Feast of the Nativity of the</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		10.00 am	Frank Twentyman
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Ellen Retford, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am  Forgotten Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10. 00 am	Sister Rosarii The Rosary – For Peace in the World People of the parishes

**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, Beryl Ruth, Bernard Rudd, Bill Doolan, Marie Murphy, Jessie Rowley, Philip Fradley, Barbara Jones, John Cooney, Margaret McGibbon, 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, Stephen Collins, Karen Blaszczyk, John, Linda O'Rourke, John Stevenson, Nell Potter, 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 Sister Rosarii who passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Her Requiem Mass will be at Holy Trinity on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor.

**Please Note: The joint Mass and picnic due to take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September has been cancelled.**

**Retreat Legion of Mary:** At St Teresa's, Trent Vale on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017. From 10.30 am to 5.00 pm; 5.00 - 5.15 pm Confession; 5.30 pm Mass. All welcome. Please bring/share a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. For further information phone Cathie 07903405357/Theresa 07894707145. (See poster on noticeboard for further details)

**North Staffs Area Pastoral Council - Station Mass:** At St Joseph's Goldenhill, High Street, ST6 5RD on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm. Celebrant Father Julian Green BA, STL. All welcome.

**Parish House Group:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 8pm at 29 Stockwood Road, Seabridge. All are welcome. For further information please contact Ann Tierney on 634483

**Clayton Day of Adoration:** On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: There is a list for watching (2 people at all times please) and a list to pay for a candle in memory of a loved one. Candles £3.50 each.

**Confirmation – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017:** Please can parents of any children living in the parishes who are due to be confirmed this year, and are not attending a Catholic primary school please see Father Anton to fill in the necessary form by the end of this week.

<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>02.09.17:</b> M. Hartley/H. Brown	<b>09.09.17:</b> J. Dunlevy/J. Allbutt
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>03.09.17:</b> P. Hothersall	S. Blackshaw/B. Hewitt-Bailey
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>10.09.17:</b> R. Hartley	J. Taylor/M. Taylor
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>03.09.17:</b> Samarasinha	
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>10.09.17:</b> Tunney	<b>Second Collection:</b> Hagan/Pover
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>02.09.17:</b> Stuart	<b>09.09.17:</b> Paul
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 03.09.17:</b> Group 6 & 6b	<b>W/c 10.09.17:</b> Group 1
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>W/c 04.09.17:</b> D. Dutton/P. Hartley	<b>11.09.17:</b> L. Mifflin/M. Kingston
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Ashley</b> <b>W/C 04.09.17:</b> C. Quinlan <b>11.09.17:</b> C. Quinlan	<b>Clayton:</b> <b>10.09.17:</b> S. Skinner <b>17.09.17:</b> J. Goodall

### Diary Dates

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent and Toddler Group restarts 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Over 55's Friendship Club restarts 1pm – 3pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Talk by Doctor Judith Champ at St Werburgh's
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Clayton Day of Adoration
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Journey in Faith Restarts 8pm in the Upper Room
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Confirmation Mass at Clayton 7pm

**Tea and Coffee Rota at Clayton - Volunteers Urgently Needed: We are in need of more volunteers to serve tea/coffee on Sunday after 10 am Mass. Please see Liz Cooney or Judy Somers, or sign the list in the porch if you can help.**

**Cleaning Rota at Clayton - Volunteers Urgently Needed:** Please ring Rosalind Hartley on 01782 639421 or sign the list in the porch if you can help. The team will only need to clean once every six weeks for around an hour and a half.

**Older Children's Liturgy Group – More Leaders Needed:** We are in need of a few more leaders to lead the group in the upper room at 10 am Mass. Please speak to Judy Somers or leave your contact details at the parish office.

**St Joseph's College:** Year 7 Open evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm. See poster for further details or contact the school on 01782 848008.

**Journey in Faith:** Will start on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8pm in the upper room. All welcome. Please speak to Father Anton if you need any more information.

**Red Mission Boxes:** Please return the contents of the mission boxes in the brown envelopes provided to Church as soon as possible please.

**Talk by Doctor Judith Champ:** On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at Our Lady & St Werburgh's. Starting with Mass at 10 am, with talks throughout the day. The day will end with Benediction at 2.30 pm. (Further details available next week)

## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back from your holiday breaks over the Summer! As you can see I have returned from my holidays and I am ready to begin again. Thank you to everyone who has looked after the parishes and especially thank you to the visiting priests who enabled me to take my break.

Sadly I returned to hear the news of the death of Sister Rosarii! She was well known to many of you as the first Head of St Werburgh's Primary and Junior School. She was also a faithful member of the parish for many years and was a great help to me when I was settling into the parish, making sure that my immediate and later needs were met. Her Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 11.30 a.m. at Holy Trinity. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!

Midweek is the beginning of the new school term. The Thursday Mass will be the School Mass at 9.15 a.m. It will be offered up for the repose of the Soul of Sister Rosarii and will give the children, the staff and all of us a chance to pray together for her. The Mass will be led by Father Michael, her brother; Father Paul is to preach and I will concelebrate to represent us, the parish in which she served for the greater part of her life.

We also remember in our prayers Archbishop Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor who died on Friday at the age of 85 years. He was indeed a great servant of the Church and in this country our leader in faith. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!

Let us also remember in our prayers all those who are suffering because of flooding in both South Asia and America. May the world and local society be generous in its support for all those in desperate need!

Let us join in prayers giving thanks for our own blessings and praying for those in greatest need!

God bless,

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