



***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 5th November 2017
Thirty- First Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

Responsorial Psalm

“Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.”

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 4th November Vigil Mass for Sunday 31st Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		James and Molly Downey
Sunday 5th November 31st Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the parishes The Rosary – For Peace in the World Pat Cattell
Tuesday 7th November		6. 00 pm	Penitential Service for Confirmation
Wednesday 8th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Mary Manimala, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration Holy Souls
Thursday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		9.15 am 6.30pm 7.15 pm	Holy Souls Vespers with Adoration (to pray for the mission) LinkLine Mass
Friday 10th November		10. 00am	In Thanksgiving – Margaret and Jacqui Boden
Saturday 11th November Vigil Mass for Sunday 32nd Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Anthony and Karen Pankhurst People of the parishes
Sunday 12th November 32nd Sunday of the Year		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

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

Please Note: No Confession on Saturday 11th November at Clayton.

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, 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 Margaret (Bunny) McGibbon, and keep all her family and friends in your prayers. Requiem Mass to take place on Tuesday 14th November at 11.15 am at St Werburgh's.

Please keep Elsie Lumb in your prayers: she is to be baptised on Sunday.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal: Please return the boxes to Church by **11th/12th November**.

Flower Rota at Clayton for 2018: More volunteers are now needed to arrange flowers for the altar.

Altar Servers Training: On Sunday 12th November after 10 am Mass. All servers are invited to attend. The meeting should last no more than an hour.

Mission Planning Meeting: On Sunday 12th November 11.30 am in the upper room. All welcome.

Open Arms – Faith Enrichment for Families: On Sunday 12th November 4.30pm – 5.30 pm.

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**.

Readers Sat:	04.11.17: I. Thompson/J. Allbutt	11.11.17: M. Hartley/B. Bromfield
Readers Sun:	05.11.17: R. Hartley	J.Somers/M. Hughes
Readers Sun:	12.11.17: M. Lycett	J. Taylor/M. Taylor
Counting at Clayton:	05.11.17: Myatt	Second Collection: Myatt
Counting at Clayton:	12.11.17: Hughes	
Counting at Ashley:	04.11.17: Stuart	11.11.17: Alan
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 05.11.17: Group 3	W/c 12.11.17: Group 4
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 06.11.17: S.Urquhart/M. Heath	13.11.17: V. Door/C. Quinlan
Altar Flowers:	Ashley 06.11.17: C. Quinlan 13.11.17: V. Door	Clayton: 12.11.17: M. Brown 19.11.17: P. J. Palmer
Children's Liturgy:	05.11.17: Judy	12.11.17: Martin

Diary Dates

Tue 7 th Nov	Penitential Service for Confirmation Children 6pm at St Werburgh's
Tue 7 th Nov	Journey in Faith 8pm in the Upper Room
Wed 8 th Nov	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 9 th Nov	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm
Thur 9 th Nov	Vespers and Adoration 6pm St Werburgh's(to pray for the mission)
Sun 12 th Nov	Faith Enrichment for Families 4.30 – 5.30 pm in the parish hall
Fri 17 th Nov	Confirmation Mass at Clayton 7pm
Thur 7 th Dec	Parish Committee Meeting 7pm (Meet at 6pm to set up the hall for the fayre)
Sat 9 th Dec	Advent Fayre
27 th Jan/11 th Feb	Parish Mission

Advent Fayre Collection Dates

Sun 12 th Nov	Sun 19 th Nov	Sun 26 th Nov	Sun 3 rd Dec	8 th /9 th Dec
Books & Toys	Gifts & Toiletries	Mystery Jars	Bottles/Chocolates	Cakes (Please fill in an allergen form)

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.

Church Cleaning Rota for Clayton 2018: We would like to thank the magnificent group of volunteers who responded to the request to help with the Church cleaning. We are most grateful as some of the "Golden oldies" have been able to retire!! Please take a copy of the new teams list, and 2018 rotas, which are in the porch.

Youth Group at Clayton: Youth group will start again on Tuesday 14th November at 6.15 pm until 8.00 pm for years 5 & 6. It will run once every two weeks. Parents if you have not completed a permission form please do so before leaving your child on the night.

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Bishop David McGough who is saying all our Masses and preaching while I happily concelebrate by his side. Please, as you always do, make him very welcome. He will be available after all Masses to talk to informally. There will be tea and coffee following the evening Mass at Ashley on Saturday and as usual after 10 a.m. on Sunday. During my conversation with him midweek he was very interested to know more about the Parish Mission planned for early next year.

As part of our preparation for the Mission we are encouraged to say the Mission Prayer regularly; it goes as follows:

Father, pour your Spirit upon the people of our parishes of St John the Baptist and St Werburgh. 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 the following message from the Mission Co-ordinator!
“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. Thank you for welcoming Karen Shurety last weekend; it was a very fruitful weekend of prayer, planning and preparation. This week we re-introduced our Parish Mission Prayer and ask that you continue to hold the Mission in prayer throughout the week. Next 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.”

As part of our regular prayer for the Mission, there will be Evening Prayer held weekly on Thursday at 6.30 p.m. in the day chapel. All are welcome to come and join in!

This week we welcome little Elsie Lumb into the life of the Church through Baptism. Please pray for her, family and friends. Tuesday 6 p.m. is the Penitential Service for all our children making their Confirmation shortly!

May the Lord keep you all in his care!

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.