



***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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord  
Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**“The Lord is King,  
most high above all the earth”**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**This is my Son, the Beloved,  
he enjoys my favour;  
listen to him.**

**Alleluia!**

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b>	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b> <b>of the Lord</b>		8.15 am 10.00 am	Bill Anyon Susan Burke
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		Marlene O'Neill
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Solemnity of the</b> <b>Assumption of the Blessed</b> <b>Virgin Mary</b>	<b>7. 00 pm</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Thanksgiving for St Therese of Lisieux Forgotten Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6.00 pm		Sister Ursula Capper SND
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 10. 00 am	People of the Parishes Paddy Gillen
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		George J. Dutton
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 10. 00 am	People of the Parishes Pat Cattell
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>		10. 00 am	Family – Special Intention
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>		10. 00 am	James and Eleanor O'Brien
<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	10. 00 am	May Malley, Mass followed by Adoration until 11 am  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 10.00 am	Dennis Austin Maureen and John Mulrooney

**Confessions: No Confessions on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> August at Clayton.**  
**At Ashley Saturday's 5.25pm – 5.45 pm.**

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our parishes, including: 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, Sr Rosarii, Mary Gregory, and all those who have asked for prayers. May the healing touch of the Lord be with them all!

Please keep Joshua David Stanton in your prayers; he is to be baptised on Sunday.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation: On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Mass at Clayton will be at 11. 00 am and Mass at Ashley will be at 7.00 pm**

**North Staffs Area Pastoral Council - Mass in Honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi: On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 pm at St Gregory's, Longton.**

**Mission Appeal - Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers):** On the weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> August we welcome Father Colman Kimaryo to our parishes to talk to us about the work of the Spiritans. A retiring collection will be held for the appeal.

<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>05.08.17:</b> M. Hartley/L. Mifflin	<b>12.08.17:</b> H. Brown/J. Allbutt <b>19.08.17:</b> S. McKenna/B. Bromfield
<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>26.08.17:</b> L. Mifflin/C. Byrne	<b>02.09.17:</b> M. Hartley/H. Brown
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>06.08.17:</b> E. Hothersall	F. Rouffet/M. O'Brien
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>13.08.17:</b> S. Sammons	R. Gallimore/B. Walker
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>20.08.17:</b> R. Cruwys	A. Goodall/B. Tierney
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>27.08.17:</b> <b>03.09.17:</b> P. Hothersall	J. Somers/ M. Hughes S. Blackshaw/B. Hewitt-Bailey
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>06.08.17:</b> Grannell	<b>13.08.17:</b> Carter/Lloyd/Southern
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>20.08.17:</b> Hughes	<b>27.08.17:</b> Walker <b>03.09.17:</b> Samarasinha
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>05.08.17:</b> Paul	<b>12.08.17:</b> Stuart
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>19.08.17:</b> Alan	<b>26.08.17:</b> Bernard
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 06.08.17:</b> Group 2 <b>W/c 20.08.17:</b> Group 4 <b>W/c 03.09.17:</b> Group 6 & 6b	<b>W/c 13.08.17:</b> Group 3 <b>W/c 27.08.17:</b> Group 5
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>W/c 07.08.17:</b> S. & A. Sammons <b>W/c 21.08.17:</b> V. Door/C. Quinlan	<b>W/c 14.08.17:</b> S. Urquhart/M. Heath <b>W/c 28.08.17:</b> M. & B. Bromfield <b>W/c 04.09.17:</b> D. Dutton/P. Hartley
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Ashley</b> <b>W/C 07.08.17:</b> Hazel <b>14.08.17:</b> Hazel <b>21.08.17:</b> D. Dutton <b>28.08.17:</b> D. Dutton <b>04.09.17:</b> C. Quinlan	<b>Clayton:</b> <b>13/08/17:</b> M. Brown <b>20.08.17:</b> P. Palmer <b>27.08.17:</b> S. Walker <b>03.09.17:</b> C. Pover

#### 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
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Joint Mass and picnic at St Werburgh's
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

**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.

**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. The course will start at the beginning of September.

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Dear Parishioners,

This week I would like start by saying a big “thank you” to all who have contributed towards the new Thurible. Because of people’s generosity, and with the donors’ approval, we are also going to upgrade our wine and water vessels, which at the moment are made of glass and easily break, with special metal ones. We are also going to have a new Ciborium, the lidded cup in which the Body of Christ is kept in the Tabernacle. So far £1080 has been donated or promised. The total bill will be £1332. I had not immediately realized that the special water and wine cruets were separately priced! If anyone would like to complete the donations in memory of a loved one please feel free to do so!

The Llandudno trip was very successful especially as it turned out to be a lovely day, a little breezy but not a spot of rain which was unusual for the week. Thank you to our secretary for organising the coach, payments etc. The seagulls did not seem to be causing quite as much havoc this year and the fish and chips were as good as usual. I believe it was rather windy on top of the Great Orme! It was also good to see some of our inter-church friends from St James. Last week they said “Goodbye” to their present minister Nita Edwards. We wish her well in her retirement!

Please keep in your prayers Julia O’Leary who is very ill in hospital at this moment in time. We also remember Joel Egan a little one who came early into this world and who is happily making good progress.

Once more we call to mind Bill Anyon, a long-time member of the parish, whose funeral Mass took place on Friday. Please also keep family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace! Bill read at the 8.15 a.m. Mass until very recently and served regularly at the Friday Parish Mass.

God bless and keep you all safe in his care!

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