

**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 1st July 2018
Thirteenth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B Weekday Readings Cycle 2**

A Prayer for Priests

God our Father, we praise you for the gift of the priesthood in your Church, and for the ministry of priests in service of your people. We thank you for the precious gift of your Son, received at the hands of your priests.

We pray for all the priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. May they find inspiration and encouragement from the laity, deacons and religious, and from each other.

We recall, with gratitude, the priests who have been a source of grace in our lives. We pray especially for our Parish Priests. Be watchful over your priests, Lord, we pray. Give courage to those who serve you and grant them their eternal reward. Have mercy on those who have struggled to stay close to you.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham under your protection. Be present in the hearts of all our priests. May their hearts burn with love for you. We pray that all priests experience the joy of the Gospel in their lives, and are constantly enriched by your Word.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, renew all priests in their service of God

Most sacred Heart of Jesus, grant all priests patience and fortitude.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, guide all priests along the right path.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, teach us compassion and understanding for our priests.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, open our hearts to respond to our own call to your service.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, nurture vocations to the priesthood in our families, parishes and schools.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, bless the priests and the people of our parishes, and fill our hearts with your mercy.

Amen.

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 30th June Vigil Mass for Sunday 13th Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 1st July 13th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Anthony Thompson The Rosary – For peace in the world Intention of Joel Egan
Tuesday 3rd July Feast of St Thomas		7.15 pm	No Intention
Wednesday 4th July	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	No Intention, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration William Wright
Thursday 5th July		9.15 am 6.30 pm	Intention of Gemma Austin Divine Office
Saturday 7th July		10.00 am	Sony Jose, Mass followed by Adoration until 11 am
Vigil Mass for Sunday 14th Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 8th July 14th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Alvin Barrington The Rosary – for peace in the world Matthew Whitehurst

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

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our parishes and all those who have asked for prayers. May the healing touch of the Lord be with them all!

Sea Sunday: Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Practical Workshop for Parish Catechists: On Tuesday 10th July 7pm- 9pm. R.C.I.A. Welcoming adults into the Catholic Church. **This workshop will take place at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.**

Llandudno Trip: On Saturday 28th July. Depart Our Lady & St Werburgh's at 9 am. £14 adults, under 16's £7. Please sign the list in the porch if you would like to go.

Potteries Theological Society: On Wednesday 4th July in Room CM 0.12 in the Moser Building, Keele University at 7pm. This is our usual room in recent months, and is in the building across the way from the Chapel. Dr Christopher Findlay of Spire Cheshire Hospital at Warrington, one of the UK's leading psychiatrists, is speaking to us with the title 'Madness, Healing and Transformation'.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: Evening of Reconciliation including prayers and an opportunity for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Friday 13th July at 7.00 pm. At St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale.

North Staffs Food Bank: The Foodbank are in need of more items over the summer months especially: Long life juice, long life milk, washing liquid/powder, tinned fruit, sugar, rice pudding, sponge puddings, chocolate and tinned custard powder. There is a box provided in the porch if you would like to donate any items.

Readers Sat:	30.06.18: J. Dunlevy/C. Byrne	07.07.18: L. Mifflin/H. Brown
Reading at Clayton:	01.07.18: E. Hothersall	A. Goodall/B.Tierney
Reading at Clayton:	08.07.18: P. Hothersall	J. Somers/R. Gallimore
Counting at Clayton:	01.07.18: Hapuarachi	
Counting at Clayton:	08.07.18: Walker	Second Collection: Hagan/Pover
Counting at Ashley:	30.06.18: Stuart	07.07.18: Alan
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 01.07.18: Group 3	W/c 08.07.18: Group 4
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 02.07.18: D. Dutton/P. Hartley	W/c 09.07.18: L. Mifflin/M. Kingston
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 02.07.18: C. Quinlan W/c 09.07.18: V.Door	Clayton: 08.07.18: C. Pover 15.07.18: S. Skinner
Children's Liturgy:	01.07.18: Martin	08.07.18: Sue

Diary Dates

Wed 4 th July	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 5 th July	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm
Thur 5 th July	Committee Meeting 7pm (setting up fayre from 6pm)
Sat 7 th July	Parish/PTA Summer Fayre
Tue 17 th July	Youth Group (Beach Party)
Sat 28 th July	Llandudno Trip

Summer Fayre Collection Dates

Sun 3 rd June	Sun 10 th June	Sun 17 th June	Sun 24 th June	Sun 1 st July	Fri 6 th /Sat 7 th July (am)
Toys and Books	Costume Jewellery for Tombola	Mystery Gift Bags	Bottles/Chocolates	Anything and Everything	Cakes

Counters needed to join the Counting teams at Clayton: If you are able to help please speak to Kate Hagan, or contact the parish office.

Job Advertisement – Archdiocese of Birmingham and Maryvale Institute: Head of Parish Catechetics. Full time. Starting September 2018. For a full job description and further information, please visit maryvale.ac.uk or contact:

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The closing date for applications is Friday 6th July 2018

Junior Bake Off Competition: Announcing the Summer Fayre junior BIG TOP bake off competition - bring your circus themed show stoppers to the gingham altar by 1.30pm for judging at 2pm. Prizes for each star baker from KS1 and KS2. £2 per entry.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope the hot weather is suiting most people, although now the challenge is to keep cool and not over heat. Like all things in life we need a balance – I was out on a farm last week and already the farmer was saying that we now need some rain soon. As nature needs its balance so do we! We gather together this weekend to remember our spiritual balance, the need to keep Christ in our lives and be fed with the bread that has come down from heaven, Jesus himself.

During the week we celebrated the Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul. Both were great leaders who gave their lives for the preaching and teaching of the message of Christ. Peter was our first Pope and Paul a fearless leader in spreading the word of God to the Gentiles. Let us give thanks for the many martyrs who gave their lives for the sake of the church, enabling us to worship as we do freely and unhindered.

Next weekend we have our Summer Fayre and let us hope that the weather holds out and we can enjoy our circus theme. As they say the more clowns the merrier! Please come along and support the well-being of our parish community, giving support to the church and the children in school. If you can help also by donating prizes or things to sell the stall-holders will be most grateful. The ice-cream van, coffee and tea stall and Pimm's counter will all be there to help quench your thirsts.

Please note that the half-hour prayer session on Thursday 6.30 p.m. will now continue on a weekly basis. It consists of saying some of the Official Prayer of the Church, otherwise known as the Divine Office along with a time of adoration. All are welcome whenever you feel able to come along.

Meanwhile please keep all our sick and housebound in your prayers. Also would you say a prayer for a fellow religious of mine, Brother Michael Richards, who died last week! I have known Michael for the last 55 years and worked with him to support the mission abroad, something he has been committed to nearly all his life. May he rest in peace.

May the Lord look after you and yours!

Father Anton s.c.j.

P.S. We seem to be losing hymn books! Could we have a local amnesty and everyone search their homes for the missing copies? I know it is easy to take one home and forget! Thanks in advance!

