



**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 2nd September 2018
Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B Weekday Readings Cycle 2**

A Prayer for Priests

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 1st September Vigil Mass for Sunday 22nd Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		George J. Dutton
Sunday 2nd September 22nd Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Dennis Austin The Rosary – For peace in the world People of the Parishes
Tuesday 4th September		7.15 pm	No Intention
Wednesday 5th September	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	No Intention, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration Perpetual Mass Thomas Fleetwood and Marie de Froul
Thursday 6th September		9.15 am	Maureen and John Mulrooney
Friday 7th September		10.00 am	Charles Henry
Saturday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.00 am	Sister Rosarii, Mass followed by Adoration until 11 am
Vigil Mass for Sunday 23rd Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 9th September Vigil Mass for Sunday 23rd Sunday of the Year		10.00 am	Patrick Eustace

Confessions at Clayton Saturday's 10.30 – 11.30 am. At Ashley Saturday's 5.25 pm – 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!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Andrew John D'Arcy and Elizabeth Mallow.

Please keep Martin Stoppa and Sarah Jane White in your prayers; they were married at Our Lady & St Werburgh's Church on Saturday 18th August.

Joint Mass and Picnic at St Werburgh's: On Sunday 9th September at St Werburgh's. Mass will be at 10am followed by a picnic in the parish grounds. There will be a BBQ, bouncy castle, rounders and a tug of war competition! The bar will also be open. Please bring a rug and enjoy! **Please Note: No 8.15 am Mass at Clayton on Sunday 9th September.**

Healing Mass: On Tuesday 25th September 2018 at Holy Trinity, Newcastle at 2.00 pm. Refreshments in the parish centre after Mass.

Red Mission Boxes: Please return the contents of the boxes in the brown envelopes provided to Church

Older Children's Liturgy Group Rota: The new rota for autumn 2018 – summer 2019 is now available.

If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact Mrs Sharon Bunting in the parish office. We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is put up on the noticeboard at the back of church, on the public notice board in the church grounds at Clayton, it is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website. The list will be restarted in September with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law.

Readers Sat:	01.09.18: M. Hartley/L. Miffilin	08.09.18: H. Brown/C. Byrne
Reading at Clayton:	02.09.18: R. Hartley	A. Goodall/B.Tierney
Reading at Clayton:	09.09.18: M. Lycett	J. Somers/M. Taylor
Counting at Clayton:	02.09.18: Tunney	
Counting at Clayton:	09.09.18: Walker	Second Collection: Hagan/Pover
Counting at Ashley	01.09.18: See New Rota	08.09.18:
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 02.09.18: Group 4	W/c 09.09.18: Group 5
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 03.09.18: S. Urquhart/M. Heath	W/c 10.09.18: V. Door/C. Quinlan
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 01/09.18: New Rota W/c 08/09/18: New Rota	Clayton: 02.09.18: S. Skinner Clayton: 09.09.18: S. Fields
Children's Liturgy	09.09.18: Francois	16.09.18: Judy
Collections – thank you:	Ashley Not Available	Clayton Not Available

Diary Dates

Wed 5 th Sept	Baby and Toddler Group restarts 9.30am – 11.00 am
Wed 5 th Sept	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Thur 6 th Sept	Over 55's Friendship Club restarts 1pm – 3pm.
Sun 9 th Sept	Joint Mass and Picnic at St Werburgh's
Tue 16 th Oct	Clayton Day of Adoration

North Staffordshire Vocation Promotions Group – Chalice Programme: During the next two years a specially blessed prayer chalice will travel to each parish within our deanery. We hope this will assist you in your prayers for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We will receive the chalice in October 2018 for our two parishes.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions for weekend Masses are now booked 2 - 3 months in advance. Weekday Masses are available on a weekly basis.

PART – TIME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Compton, LEEK: Following retirement, the Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek, seeks to appoint a part time administrator to be based at the Parish Office in Compton, Leek. 10 hours per week, over two days, paid at £10 per hour. For further information please contact: Fr Martin Pratt, Parish Priest, St Mary's Presbytery, Compton, LEEK, Staffordshire ST13 5NH Tel 01538 382 385
Closing date for letters of application and current CV is Monday 10 September, 2018.

Pilgrimage of the Sick to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford: There will be a Pilgrimage led by Bishop Robert Byrne for all those who are sick, their families and carers, Chaplains and Chaplaincy Volunteers and Healthcare Workers and Volunteers. To take place at 3 pm on Sunday 16th September at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.
Directions: Hednesford is near Cannock, a couple of miles off Junction 11 of the M6 and Junction T7 of the Toll Road. Follow signs to Hednesford and Rugeley A460. Train Service from New Street, Birmingham to Hednesford. The Church and Shrine is on Uxbridge Street on the A460, WS12 1DB. For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 01543 422576 or email olol.hednesford@gmail.com

Our Lady & St Benedict Church, Abbey Hulton: An invitation to any former parishioners, members of staff and pupils of the school to a Mass marking the 80th Anniversary of foundation as a parish community and opening of the school. On Saturday 22nd September 12 noon. Prior to the Mass the rosary will be said in the school hall at 11.30 am. The Mass will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of ordination of Father Adrian MacNamara.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having arrived back from my summer break I am both happy and rested and also pleased and grateful to all those who have looked after everything while I have been away. Thank you also for looking after the supply priests at the weekends. Even Bishop David was free to help out on the one occasion. I do hope that you have all benefited from the slow down and for many of you a good holiday. Again many thanks to you all!

This week many things will start up again and we have next weekend a chance to mix and welcome people of the parishes at our shared Mass and Barbecue. The Joint Mass is a reminder that we are of one church, one fold. It is very easy for any one of us to become singular and set in our ways. This Mass is a sign of our willingness to go the extra mile for the Lord. Following coffee after the 10 a.m. Mass the barbecue will be lit and a chance to have a simple Sunday lunch, no cooking. Bring as much food and drink as you wish. The bar will also be open as well as the hall if a little extra shelter is desired. Band Music will be playing courtesy of Dan Tierney and his associates. There will be a tug of war and games for both children and any brave adults amongst us! Come and enjoy the remainder of the summer weather! Please remember there will be no 8.15 am Mass on that day.

Please note also there is also a parish committee meeting this Wednesday, the start of organising various events. Good ideas and your support are always welcome. People live very busy lives these days yet many generous helpers seems to come forward when the time is needed. Again many thanks to you all.

As you may already have heard, there are a number of moves afoot in the deanery area. Father Rob Taylerson is on the move and his farewell Mass is on September 10th Monday at 7 p.m. Father Michael Miners has already moved to a new parish. We wish them well and please keep them in your prayers as they settle into new work and of course their introduction to a new flock.

Meanwhile let us pray for the church, its people and all who try to follow the way of the Lord Jesus. As we are well aware much good can be lost in maelstrom of life and all its difficulties. We pray for our Holy Father and the healing of the community of Christ wherever necessary.

God bless you all, good to be back!

Father Anton s.c.j.