

***Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley
and
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

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**Sunday 4th November 2018
Thirty-First 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 3rd November Vigil Mass for Sunday 31st Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		Margaret Bromfield
Sunday 4th November		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Thanksgiving for 90 years – Eileen McClellan and husband Frank (Anniversary)
Tuesday 6th November		7.15 pm	Gabriel and Harriet Hapuarachi
Wednesday 7th November	11.00 am	9.30 am	Alan Booth RIP and his family (No Adoration) Perpetual Mass Thomas Fleetwood and Marie de Froul
Thursday 8th November		9.15 am 6.30 pm	Holy Souls Divine Office
Friday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		10.00 am	Maureen and John Mulrooney
Saturday 10th November Vigil Mass for Sunday 32nd Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm	10.00 am	Forgotten Holy Souls, Mass followed by Adoration until 11. 00 am People of the Parishes
Sunday 11th November 32nd Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Michael Brennan The Rosary – for peace in the world Bill Bagnall

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! Including: Geoff Totten, Margaret Boden, Mary Gregory, Michael Somers and Kathleen Rouffet.

Please keep Erin Wilkes in your prayers; she is to be baptised on Sunday.

Holy Souls Envelopes: 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**.

Loggerheads Parish Council: Commemoration of end of World War 1 on 11th November 2018. At White House Farm, on Mucklestone Wood Lane in Loggerheads, starting at 1845 hours.

Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 13th November at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle.

Loggerheads Fete: The next meeting for the community fete group will meet on Thursday 15th November at 7.00 pm in the Loggerheads Fire Station.

Samaritan's Purse- Shoebox Appeal: Our Parishes are again taking part in the shoebox appeal. The postage to send the shoebox is £5. Please check the newsletter over the next few weekends for the date to return to Church. (**More Shoeboxes will be available next week**)

The rota for the Clayton Parish Counting Teams for 2019 will be completed shortly. We are in need of volunteers to join the teams, having lost some long serving and loyal members this year. Full training will be given. One or two volunteers would also be welcome if you could spare some time during the week to help with banking. For further information, please contact Kate Hagan via the Parish Office.

Readers Sat:	03.11.18: C. Byrne/H. Brown	10.11.18: H. Brown/I. Thompson
Reading at Clayton:	04.11.18: K. Lycett	J. Somers/M. Taylor
Reading at Clayton:	11.11.18: A. Carter	L. Machin/H. Carter
Counting at Clayton:	04.11.18: Myatt	Second Collection: Myatt
Counting at Clayton:	11.11.18: Walker	
Counting at Ashley	03.11.18: Stuart	10.11.18: Alan
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 04.11.18: Group 1	W/c 11.11.18: Group 2
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 05.11.18: L. Mifflin/M. Kingston	W/c 12.11.18: S. & A. Sammons
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 05/11.18: D. Dutton W/c 12/11/18: S. Urquhart	Clayton: 11.11.18: S. Walker Clayton: 18.11.18: C. Pover
Children's Liturgy	04.11.18: Judy	11.11.18: Martin

Diary Dates

Tue 6 th Nov	Journey in Faith 8pm
Wed 7 th Nov	Baby and Toddler Group 9.30am – 11am
Thur 8 th Nov	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm
Thur 22 nd Nov	Parish Committee Meeting 7pm (setting up the hall for the fayre 6pm)
Sat 24 th Nov	Winter Fayre 1pm – 3pm

Eucharistic Adoration: At Our Lady of the Angels and St Peter in Chains at Stoke. From the 5th – 11th November from 10 am – 7 pm. Please note there will be no Adoration on Saturday 10th November.

CAFOD Diocesan Memorial Mass: To pray for all deceased supporters of CAFOD. On Friday 9th November at 7. 00 pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle. Refreshments served in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

Tea and Coffee Rota after Sunday 10 am Mass: We are a team down and need 3 volunteers to form a team. Please speak to Judy Somers or leave your name at the parish office if you can help.

Older Children's Liturgy Group: One volunteer needed to join the rota once every 6 weeks. For more information please see Judy Somers or leave your contact details at the parish office.

Winter Fayre – Saturday 24th November 1pm – 3pm

Parish collection dates for Items for the Fayre

Sun 28 th October	Sunday 4 th November	Sunday 11 th November	Sunday 18 th November	Friday 23 rd /Saturday 24 th November
Toys and Books including soft teddy bears	Chocolates and Bottles	Toiletries and Christmas decorations including plain baubles	Any items from previous weeks	Cakes

Lists for Winter Fayre: Please sign the lists in the porch if you are able to help with the following: Setting up the fayre the day before, helping on the day **(there are a few stalls that need volunteers to run them)**, providing cakes for the cake stall, or providing a raffle prize.

Volunteer to take photographs at the Winter Fayre: Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Raffle Tickets – Winter Fayre: Tickets available after Mass this weekend.

THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you have all had a good half-term and that as families you have had a chance of some quality time together. Speaking to some of the children, many seem to have relaxed at home and had a good time together. I am sure others will have journeyed a distance or so! Whichever, welcome back as schools restart.

During the week we celebrated All Saints and All Souls, a reminder of heaven and eternal life. All Saints in particular is a sign of heaven and life eternal to come. All Souls reminds us of the inevitable destiny that we all aspire to even though leaving this world for the next demands of us faith.

Next weekend we remember the dead of the Great Wars. They are great because of the enormity of them rather than the fact of them being a good thing. I always give thanks that I have had the privilege of living in times of peace and relative prosperity. We have much to give thanks to God for! At the same time we recognize the bravery and self-sacrifice of all those who were called to give their lives for the dignity and freedom of the human race. Let us treasure and respect such gifts and opportunities. We will remember them!

This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop reminding us of the importance of safeguarding, especially our children, and also all adults involved in care of children and vulnerable adults. The letter also looks back at the history of problems within the church and the need for continuing vigilance and readiness to learn!

Finally please remember little Erin who is to be baptised this weekend; pray also for her family and friends!

We remember all our faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them!

Take care of yourselves and those around you!

Father Anton s.c.j.