

***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 7th October 2018
Twenty-Seventh 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 6th October Vigil Mass for Sunday 27th Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		Special Intention
Sunday 7th October 27th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Stephen Waters
Thursday 11th October		6.30 pm	Divine Office
Saturday 13th October		10.00 am	Margaret Robson, Mass followed by Adoration until 11. 00 am
Vigil Mass for Sunday 28th Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 14th October 28th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Harry Thompson The Rosary – for peace in the world Pat Gunn

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 pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie Kirkham and remember her family and friends in your prayers. Funeral service to take place at Our Lady & St Werburgh Church on Wednesday 17th October at 11.00 am.

Please keep Joseph Thomas Jones in your prayers; he is to be baptised on Saturday at Ashley.

Please keep Eibhlin Lily McGowan in your prayers; she is to be baptised on Sunday at Clayton.

An Evening with Jo Boyce & Friends: On Sunday 7th October 7.30pm at St Gregory's Catholic Church, Longton. For tickets ring 01782 313796. **Pay on the door £7.**

Clayton Day of Adoration: On Tuesday 16th October. Starting with Mass at 9.15am with the school. Adoration throughout the day until Benediction at 6.00 pm.
Lists for Watching and to buy a candle (£3.50) in memory of a loved one are available in the porch.

Parish Sick List: 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, to fill in a consent form.

14th Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly: On Saturday 13th October 2018 from 10.30 am to 4.15 pm at St Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull B91 3NZ. (See poster on noticeboard for further details)

Rosary Recitation: At St Mary's Catholic Church ST6 8LT. On Saturday 20th October 2018 from 11.00 am. Please take a packed lunch. All welcome. (See poster on noticeboard)

Piety Stall: A new CTS booklet is available on the Piety Stall (£2.50) challenging us to think more about our environment. Also Christmas stock has arrived of Advent calendars, cards, diaries, gifts. They are available on request. Everything you buy helps towards funding our Church and some of the cards support Traidcraft.

Thank You: A huge thank you from Sue and Aub for all the good wishes, cards, gifts and Mass intentions we have been given. You all made our 50th extra special.

Readers Sat:	06.10.18: H. Brown/C. Byrne	13.10.18: J. Dunlevy/S. Mckenna
Reading at Clayton:	07.10.18: E. Hothersall	M. Tierney/A. Hagan
Reading at Clayton:	14.10.18: P. Hothersall	F. Rouffet/M. O'Brien
Counting at Clayton:	07.10.18: Hapuarachi	Second Collection: Hapuarachi
Counting at Clayton:	14.10.18: Samarasinha	
Counting at Ashley	06.10.18: Alan	13.10.18: Paul
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 07.10.18: Group 3	W/c 14.10.18: Group 4
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 08.10.18: B. Bromfield	W/c 15.10.18: S. Urquhart/M. Heath
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 08/10.18: V. Door W/c 15/10/18: C. Quinlan	Clayton: 14.10.18: S. Skinner Clayton: 21.10.18: S. Fields
Children's Liturgy	07.10.18: Peter	14.10.18: Debbie

Diary Dates

Tue 9 th Oct	Journey in Faith 8pm in the upper room
Wed 10 th Oct	Baby and Toddler Group 9.30am – 11.00 am
Thur 11 th Oct	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm.
Tue 16 th Oct	Clayton Day of Adoration
Wed 17 th Oct	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sat 24 th Nov	Winter Fayre 1pm – 3 pm

The Archdiocese of Birmingham Celebration Day: *On behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham you are invited to come and join our first Diocesan Celebration day on October 14th (10am-4pm) at Cardinal Wiseman Secondary School (part of the Romero MAC) in Coventry.*

The day is to bring together some of the main events in the life of the Church this year and share our diocesan involvement in the following;

August - World Meeting of Families

September - Adoremus

October - Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

Canonisations of Oscar Romero, Pope Paul VI and others

As numbers are capped if you intend to come along you will need to book a free place via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-diocesan-celebration-day-tickets-49428739691> or there is a sheet to sign in the porch. Please sign today as numbers need to be in by Wednesday.

The Painsley Catholic Academy – St Mary's Catholic Academy: Vacancy for Principal, group 2 salary range L13 -19. See poster on noticeboard for further details or contact Mrs J. Stewart-Lilly on 01538 714944 or email HR@painsley.staffs.sch.uk Closing date 18th October 2018.

Health and Safety Notice: Please can parents ensure that children do not climb, sit or stand on the handrail outside Church.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the words of Saint Paul, "I thank my God each time I think of you. And when I pray for you I pray with joy." This was a sentiment that St Paul expressed in his letter to Philemon, "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."

St Paul is in prison at this time yet still finds time to help people find the Lord Jesus. In particular he writes to a rich Christian called Philemon in order that he should receive back one of his servants called Onesimus who had run away and had then become a Christian. It is a great reflection of how the Christian community should love its people, especially those wanting to return and renew their lives. Let us always be a welcoming community of faith, love and worship!

Two moments of prayer to think about this week. Firstly, it is October and we remember to pray to Our Lady as being the mother of the church and the mother of us all. Also we have received the Vocation's Chalice at St Werburghs and we are asked when we see it to remember to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Please note this week that Monday to Friday there are no Masses held, although there will be Evening Prayer on Thursday 6.30 p.m. It is retreat week so I ask that you keep my Congregation of Priests and Brothers in your prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers this weekend, Joseph and Eibhlin who are to be baptised, one at Ashley and one at Clayton. Also remember their family and friends.

In thought and prayer this coming week!

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j