



**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 8th July 2018
Fourteenth 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 7th July 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
Tuesday 10th July		7.15 pm	No Intention
Wednesday 11th July Feast of St Benedict	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Sony Jose, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration No Intention
Thursday 12th July		9.15 am 6.30 pm	Sony Jose Divine Office
Friday 13th July		10.00 am	In Thanksgiving – Jacqui and Margaret Boden
Saturday 14th July Vigil Mass for Sunday 15th Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm	10.00 am	Intention of Seamus Lewis and Diaconates, Mass followed by Adoration until 11 am Jo Manley
Sunday 15th July 15th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Jean McHugh

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!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grace Capper, and remember all her family and friends in your prayers.

Please keep Seamus Lewis in your prayers he is to be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 14th July at The Cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham. He will then serve the parish of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary in Leicester.

Sea Sunday: Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea. (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information about its work or to donate online 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. Coach will 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. Please hand your payment in as soon as possible.

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.

Readers Sat:	07.07.18: L. Mifflin/H. Brown	14.07.18: S. McKenna/E. Mifflin
Reading at Clayton:	08.07.18: P. Hothersall	J. Somers/R. Gallimore
Reading at Clayton:	15.07.18: R. Hartley	J. Taylor/M. Taylor
Counting at Clayton:	08.07.18: Walker	Second Collection: Hagan/Pover
Counting at Clayton:	15.07.18: Carter/Lloyd/Southern	Second Collection:
Counting at Ashley:	07.07.18: Alan	14.07.18: Bernard
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 08.07.18: Group 4	W/c 15.07.18: Group 5
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 09.07.18: L. Mifflin/M. Kingston	W/c 16.07.18: S. & A. Sammons
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 09.07.18: V.Door W/c 16.07.18: V.Door	Clayton: 15.07.18: S. Skinner 22.07.18: S. Fields
Children's Liturgy:	08.07.18: Sue	15.07.18: Debbie

Diary Dates

Wed 11 th July	Toddler and Baby Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 12 th July	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm
Tue 17 th July	Youth Group (Beach Party)
Sat 28 th July	Llandudno Trip
Wed 5 th Sept	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sun 9 th Sept	Joint Mass and Picnic at St Werburgh's

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. Volunteers are required to join a rota which means an hour or so of your time after 10 am Sunday mass once every 5-6 weeks.

Toddler and Baby Group: From September, the group will be meeting from 9.30 until 11.00 am each Wednesday in term time. The group is in need of volunteers to help with various tasks from tea/coffee making to organizing craft activities. The group is open to all pre-school children and their parents/carers/grandparents. If you are able to offer any help, please contact Carole Achtmanis care of the parish office.

My Day by Day Prayer Books: August and September edition on sale at the Piety stall £1.10.

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.

Survive-Miva: Next weekend we welcome a representative from Survive-Miva who will talk to us about the charity. The retiring collection will be for Survive-Miva.

Deanery of North Staffordshire – Mass times for summer 2018: Leaflets available in the porch. **Please note that Ashley and Clayton Saturday/ Sunday Mass times will not change this year.**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As this morning I tickle the computer board keys, the warm weather draws two kinds of joy to my attention. The first is that feeling of elation that I hope we are experiencing as we read this - that England has won its way into the SEMI FINAL and we are full of hope. Win or lose it has been a joyous time for football fans and England supporters in general. The second kind of joy is the deeper feeling of thanks and well-being that we experience at the thought of the NHS' Seventieth Birthday Celebration. We know demand is great and that it is needed even more, but what a wonderful institution it is. I, like many of you reading this, have lived my whole life with its care in place. How like Christ it is, when you turn up at its door you are given the very best of care free of charge. So whatever joys we celebrate today, let us give thanks to God and become even more generous in thought, heart and deed!

This weekend is also the Summer Fayre; the Winter Fayre was cancelled because of bad weather, there was no chance of today being cancelled unless you are adverse to the sun itself. Thank you in advance to everyone who has organized, taken part and supported the event. Every little helps the Parish, the Parish School and the Parish Community. We are all one in Christ Jesus our Lord. No doubt drinks and refreshments would have done well!!

On Friday I was at a funeral for one of my brothers in Christ, a member of our religious community, Brother Michael Richards. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Michael had been a long time servant to the work of our Congregation of Priests and Brothers, especially raising funds for the Mission and going out to India at the age of 64 to help design and build the first student house. May he rest in peace!

Meanwhile we keep all our sick and housebound in our prayers and remember those throughout the world who suffer because of a lack of water or medical care.

God bless, take care and remember the sun cream!

Father Anton s.c.j.