



***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 13th May 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday Readings Year B Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

Responsorial Psalm

“The Lord has set his sway in heaven.”

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy ”
Alleluia!**

Mission Prayer

Father, pour your Spirit upon the people of these parishes. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 12th May Vigil Mass for Sunday 7th Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 13th May 7th Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Tom Riley The Rosary – For peace in the world Sister Rosarii
Tuesday 15th May		7.15 pm	Peter Merry
Wednesday 16th May	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Joan Ganley, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration Mac McDermott
Thursday 17th May		9.15 am	Len Pritchard
Friday 18th May		10.00 am	Ann Davis
Saturday 19th May		10.00 am	For those unloved, Mass followed by Adoration until 11.00 am
Vigil Mass for Sunday Solemnity of Pentecost	6.00 pm		People of the parishes
Sunday 20th May Solemnity of Pentecost		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Bob Hedges The Rosary – For peace in the world Ian Grant (First Holy Communion Preparation Mass)

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, including: Marie – France Gauvin, Michael Devaney, Kathleen Rouffet, Marjorie Dray, Neil Beardmore, Private Intention, Bill Doolan, Marie Murphy, Jessie Rowley, Philip Fradley, Barbara Jones, John Cooney, Vicky Anderson – Mellor, Gabriella Watts, Rita Keogh, Chris Fields, Marjorie Leese, Margaret Boden, Elizabeth Mallow, Jo Manley, Nick Goucher, Pat Merry, Father Charles Lloyd, Michael Cope, Ian Watts, Bridie Gaffey, Ron Hill, Rose Owen, Joseph Lockington, John, Linda O'Rourke, John Stevenson, Michael Somers, Margaret Pankhurst, Tim Gibson, Holly Taylor, Mary Gregory, and all those who have asked for prayers. May the healing touch of the Lord be with them all!

Please keep Ted Roberts in your prayers; he is to be baptised on Sunday.

Piety Stall: Rosaries are now on display for the month of May.

North Staffs Ecumenical Prayer Gathering: On Sunday 13th May 2018 at 6.30 pm at Longton Central Hall, The Strand, Longton ST3 2JH. (See poster for further details)

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council – Parish Preparation for Catechists for Confirmation

Candidates: On Tuesday 22nd May at Holy Trinity, Newcastle 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm. Led by Sister Gillian Murphy.

St Joseph's Catholic Church Goldenhill: Parish Pentecost Festival from 21st to 24th May 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Stone: On Saturday May 26th 2018 at St Dominic's Convent 21 Station Road, Stone, Staffs ST15 8EN. 10.45 am arrivals and Coffee. Talk at 11.15 am by Father David Goodill O.P. Rosary Procession 2pm. Vigil Mass for Sunday 3.15 pm. Please bring a picnic lunch. (See poster on noticeboard for further information.)

Thank You: Sue Day and family would like to thank the parish family most sincerely for their prayers, concern, cards and flowers during Paul's illness and death. They gave us great strength and comfort.

Readers Sat:	12.05.18: C. Byrne/V. Thompson	19.05.18: I. Thompson/J. Allbutt
Reading at Clayton:	13.05.18: E. Hothersall	J. Taylor/M. Taylor
Reading at Clayton:	20.05.18 P. Hothersall	L. Machin/H. Carter
Counting at Clayton:	13.05.18: Carter/Lloyd/Southern	Second Collection: Hagan/Pover
Counting at Clayton:	20.05.18: Carter/Hagan	
Counting at Ashley:	12.05.18: Bernard	19.05.18: Alan
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 13.05.18: Group 6 & 6b	W/c 20.05.18: Group 1
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 14.05.18: S. Urquhart/M. Heath	W/c 21.05.18: V. Door/C. Quinlan
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 14.05.18: V. Door W/c 21.05.18: V. Door	Clayton: 20.05.18: S. Walker 27.05.18: C. Pover
Children's Liturgy:	13.05.18: Martin	20.05.18: Debbie

Diary Dates

Tue 15 th May	Youth Group (Ten Pin Bowling)
Wed 16 th May	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 17 th May	Over 55's Friendship Group 1pm – 3pm
Thur 17 th May	Third Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion Children 7pm in the school hall
Sun 20 th May	Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion Children
Tue 5 th June	Youth Group
Wed 6 th June	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Thur 7 th June	Final Parents' Meeting 7 pm
Sat 16 th June	First Holy Communion Mass 12 Noon
Tue 19 th June	Youth Group (Keele)
Sat 23 rd June	Ashley Day of Adoration 12 Noon – 6pm
Tue 3 rd July	Youth Group
Sat 7 th July	Parish/PTA Summer Fayre
Tue 17 th July	Youth Group (Beach Party)

Old Spectacles: Please have a look around at home to see if you have any old spectacles you can donate. Box provided in the porch.

Vocations Prayer Club – May: Please sign the list in the porch and pray for vocations.

Lost Property Box at Clayton: Please check the contents of the box. All the items will go to a charity shop at the end of May.

Kenelm Youth Trust:

Brightlights: A Catholic Festival for Young Adults (aged 16 -30) live music, speakers and workshops. See leaflet in the porch.

Summer Camp at Alton Castle: Week 1 July 29th – August 2nd or Week 2 August 5th-9th. See leaflet for more information.

Rosary Reflections: On Saturday 19th May 2018 at St Mary's Norton-le-Moors. From 1.30pm – 5.30 pm (Vigil Mass at 6pm) see poster for details.

Lourdes Petitions: Please hand any petitions to Judy Somers or Sandra Beardmore.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend marks the Penultimate Week for Eastertide; next weekend is the Celebration of Pentecost, the coming down of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles assembled in the Upper Room. During the week we had the Feast of the Ascension! All these Feast Days remind us of the glory of God, the possibilities that lie before us. Further special days are to come such as Corpus Christi, Holy Trinity, The Sacred Heart! They remind us of the Glory and Wonder of God and what he through Christ is able to do for us. Divinity and Humanity are united!

It is also the month of May, Our Lady's month, the time of renewal of the Meditational Prayer of the Rosary. This simple but deep devotion gives comfort and support to all people, those who savour prayer, the sick and the dying. You can find all the headings for praying the twenty different mysteries, meditations on the wonder of the gospels, in the Simple Prayer Book. You can look at the Icons at the back of church to see the four major categories i.e. the Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful and Light. Each decade is a meditation in itself and helps to enter gently into the mystery and presence of God.

Next week Father Julian Green is hosting a Parish Mission at Goldenhill. It runs from Monday 21 May to Friday 25 May with events each evening. There are posters at the back of church with details if you would like to go along and take part.

Please keep in your prayers our recently deceased in particular Audrey Hancock whose funeral service was last week. We pray for all bereaved and ask your support for them whenever the occasion occurs.

Also please pray for little Ted Roberts, his family and friends as he is baptized this Sunday at Clayton.

God bless and keep you all safe in his care!

Father Anton s.c.j.