



***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 15th April 2018
Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday Readings Year B Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

Responsorial Psalm

“Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.”

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us

as you talk to us.”

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 14th April Vigil Mass for Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 9.40 am 10. 00 am	Philomena Barrington The Rosary – For peace in the world Mrs Frances McNaughton
Monday 16th April		11.30 am	Requiem Mass for Mary Colclough
Saturday 21st April Vigil Mass for Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter	6. 00 pm		People of the parishes
Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Harry Gillard The Rosary – For peace in the world Nora Lloyd

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: 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 pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Colclough, and remember her family and friends in your prayers. Requiem Mass at Our Lady & St Werburgh's on Monday 16th April at 11.30 am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Ford, and remember her family and friends in your prayers. Funeral Service at Our Lady & St Werburgh's on Thursday 26th April at 12.30 pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Day, and remember his family and friends in your prayers. Reception into Our Lady & St Werburgh's on Thursday 26th April at 5.30 pm. Requiem Mass on Friday 27th April 11.00 am.

Please Note: There will be no Masses Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning this week.

Lenten Appeal – WaterAid: Please return all money collected throughout Lent back to Church as soon as possible please.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council – Training/Awareness sessions for parish readers: At St Teresa's, Trent Vale on Tuesday 17th April and Tuesday 24th April 8.00 pm – 9. 00 pm. **You will only be required to attend one session.**

Our Lady & St Werburgh Parish AGM: On Sunday 22nd April in the parish hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.

A Date for your Diary - After the Mission - What next? On Thursday 26th April, again following Evening Prayer at 6.30pm Karen from Sion, will be leading a Post Mission session to help us to consolidate what the Mission meant for us as a Parish and where it might lead us to next. - All very welcome.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council - Parish Preparation for Catechists for First Holy Communion Candidates: On May 1st at Holy Trinity, Newcastle 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm. The evening will be led by Sister Gillian Murphy.

Readers Sat:	14.04.18: J. Dunlevy/E. Miffilin	21.04.18: S. McKenna/H. Brown
Reading at Clayton:	15.04.18: M. Lycett	F. Rouffet/M. O'Brien
Reading at Clayton:	22.04.18 K. Lycett	C. Pover/B. Walker
Counting at Clayton:	15.04.18: Hughes	
Counting at Clayton:	22.04.18: Myatt	Second Collection: Myatt
Counting at Ashley:	14.04.18: Bernard	21.04.18: Alan
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 15.04.18: Group 2	W/c 22.04.18: Group 3
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 16.04.18: V. Door/C. Quinlan	W/c 23.04.18: D. Dutton/P. Hartley
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 16.04.18: D. Dutton W/c 23.04.18: D. Dutton	Clayton: 15.04.18: C. Pover 22.04.18: S. Skinner
Children's Liturgy:	15.04.18: Sue	22.04.18: Peter

Diary Dates

Wed 18 th April	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 19 th April	Over 55's Friendship Group 1pm – 3pm
Sun 22 nd April	St Werburgh Parish AGM after 10 am Mass in the Parish Hall
Tue 24 th April	Journey in Faith 8pm
Wed 25 th April	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sun 29 th April	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
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
Thur 7 th June	Final Parents' Meeting 7 Pm
Sat 16 th June	First Holy Communion Mass 12 Noon

Thank You from CAFOD: "Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to **cafod.org.uk/lent**"

Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend – Celebrate North West: From 28th – 29th April 2018. For more information contact **www.celebrateconference.org** (see poster on noticeboard)

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday. The retiring collection will be for the Clergy Training Fund.

Vocations Prayer Club April List: Please sign the list in the porch and pray for vocations on one day of the month.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once more may I wish you all a very Happy Easter; the season runs for several weeks until the Feast of Pentecost when Jesus Christ returns to us as the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate promised to us who pleads continually on our behalf.

Again a big “thank you” to everyone for the hard work and support over the Easter Ceremonies both at Ashley and Clayton. As always the churches were beautiful and a great credit to you all, everything spic and span and in place for the celebrations. And how prayerful and deeply spiritually refreshing were Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sat/Sun Vigil and Masses. Thank you also for the generous Easter Collections which support me and my Congregation of Priests and Brothers in England, India and Thailand.

An additional thank you to the ladies at Ashley this weeks for hosting the patients of Elm Tree House (previously Ashley House). It was a pleasant and happy gathering for tea, coffee and cakes with a little impromptu sing along. Plans are in place for another gathering when the weather improves and also an Ashley Parish event to raise money for the Third World needs.

Please keep all our faithful departed in your prayers, especially Mary Colclough, Jean Ford and Paul Day whose funerals are to be held at St Werburghs. Please also remember family and friends in your prayers. We also remember John Goodwin, Bernard Rudd and Lily Emery recently deceased!

And welcome back everyone after the Easter break. I hope you have managed a rest and some recreation.

God bless and keep you in his care!

Father Anton s.c.j.