



***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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday Readings Year B Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**“This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad”**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.”**

**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
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b>		8. 00 pm	Easter Vigil – Jack Baynes
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	9.30 am	11.00 am	People of the Parishes Pat and Allen Cattell
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>	3.00 pm		Nuptial Mass for Nathan Edwards and Helen Capper
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	6. 00 pm		James and Molly Downey
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Lily Emery The Rosary – For peace in the world People of the Parishes
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>		7.15 pm	Bernard Rudd
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>		10.00 am	Celia Lakin
	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration Intention of Mr & Mrs Houghton
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>		9.15 am	The Pankhurst and Mahon families
		11.00 am	Funeral Service for John Ivor Goodwin
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>		10.00 am	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>		10.00 am	Paul Day, Mass followed by Adoration until 11 am
<b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10. 00 am	Philomena Barrington The Rosary – For peace in the world Mrs Frances McNaughton

**Confessions: Please Note: No Confessions at Clayton on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**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, Jean Ford, 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 John Ivor Goodwin, and remember his family and friends in your prayers. Funeral Service to take place at Our Lady & St Werburgh's Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am.

Please also 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 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30 pm. Requiem Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 11.00 am.

Please keep Nathan Edwards and Helen Capper in your prayers; they are to be married at Ashley on Easter Monday.

**Easter Monday Men's Mass:** At Sacred Heart, Tunstall at 10.00 am. All welcome.

**Devotion to The Divine Mercy:** At St Augustine's Meir. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 pm. Exposition and Benediction 2.30 pm. Confessions from 1.30 pm.

<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>Sun 01.04.18: (9.30 am)</b> M. Hartley/L. Mifflin	<b>07.04.18:</b> S. McKenna/J. Allbutt <b>14.04.18:</b> J. Dunlevy/E. Mifflin
<b>Readers at Clayton:</b>	<b>01.04.18: (11 am)</b>	S. Rowe/M. Anderson
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>08.04.18:</b> R. Hartley	M. Tierney/A. Hagan
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>15.04.18:</b> M. Lycett	F. Rouffet/M. O'Brien
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>01.04.18:</b> Samarasinha	<b>Second Collection:</b> Hagan/Pover
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>08.04.18:</b> Grannell	<b>15.04.18:</b> Hughes
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>01.04.18:</b> Easter Offerings	<b>07.04.18:</b> Paul
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>14.04.18:</b> Bernard	
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 01.04.18:</b> Group 6 & 6b	<b>W/c 08.04.18:</b> Group 1 <b>W/c 15.04.18:</b> Group 2
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>W/C 02.04.18:</b> S. & A. Sammons	<b>W/C 09.04.18:</b> S. Urquhart/M. Heath <b>W/c 16.04.18:</b> V. Door/C. Quinlan
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Ashley: 07.04.18: See New 14.04.18: Rota</b>	<b>Clayton: 08.04.18:</b> S. Walker <b>15.04.18:</b> C. Pover
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April:</b> Easter Holiday	

### Diary Dates

Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Journey in Faith 8pm
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Over 55's Friendship Group 1pm – 3pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	St Werburgh Parish AGM after 10 am Mass in the Parish Hall
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> April	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Third Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion Children 7pm in the school hall
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion Children

**Lenten Appeal – WaterAid:** Please return all money collected throughout Lent in the bank bags provided in the porch.

**Gift Aid Envelopes at Clayton:** Envelopes for the coming year are now available in the porch. If you do not already Gift Aid your weekly donation, but would like to do so please contact the parish office for a form.

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

**Clayton Tea and Coffee Rota:** Please can all teams collect a new rota from the porch.

**Ashley Readers Rota:** The updated rota is now available in the porch.

## EASTER SUNDAY 2018 YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter! We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World, our personal Saviour. "This is our faith, it is the faith of the church, we are proud to profess it in Jesus Christ our Lord!" Thank you all for everything you do to support this parish community. I felt so gratified during the week especially as we celebrated our Good Friday Service. It was so prayerful, beautifully and gently solemn. It was a credit to us all! Also thank you for all the preparation and detail work to make things run smoothly. It was also so pleasing to see the extra events put on for the children – and the adults, which the children brought along with them, enjoyed the services as well.

Also a thanks for the personal support with all the various tasks that are needed to keep the voluntary side of things up and running. It is heartening to see you take ownership of parish responsibilities. Every little contribution whether practical, prayerful or financial, helps to make the witness of Christ so positive and potent in the nicest sort of way.

I have been very contented to see the initiatives in support of prayer and celebration. New approaches to situations are of great value when applied correctly. Working together in support of prayer and worship is what makes for a deep spiritual life and commitment to the Lord. The parish is a medium through which we can build our spiritual lives and also serve one another and witness to the life of Christ in the Catholic Church, here and throughout the district and the world at large. Our Mission was a good impetus to renewed prayer and worship, both in style and frequency. I recognise now more than ever the number of really deeply prayerful people within our community. Let us serve one another through our gentle innovations and generosity of time. "Let us make way for the Lord, let us make his path straight!"

This week Father Stephen, your previous parish priest, sends thanks for all the cards and good will messages received from you. He says he was bowled over by you all. So keep your prayers going for his mum and him. They have been very positive.

Keep in your prayers those who have gone to the Lord, that they too will enjoy the life of Resurrection, especially as we celebrate the promise for ourselves. We remember the following stalwarts of our parish, Paul Day, John Goodwin, Bernard Rudd and Lily Emery.

Happy Easter, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Father Anton s.c.j.***