

***Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley
and
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

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**Sunday 28th October 2018
Thirtieth 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 27th October Vigil Mass for Sunday 30th Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 28th October 30th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Philomena and Alvin Barrington The Rosary – for peace in the world Susan Burke
Wednesday 31st October Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration No Intention
Thursday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints		9.15 am 7.15 pm	Paul Day Deceased of the Cunningham family
Friday 2nd November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	7.15 pm	10.00 am	Mary Walsh Intention of John Price
Saturday 3rd November Vigil Mass for Sunday 31st Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm	10.00 am	No Intention, Mass followed by Adoration until 11. 00 am Margaret Bromfield
Sunday 4th November 31st Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Thanksgiving for 90 years – Eileen McClellan and husband Frank (Anniversary)

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.

Holy Souls Envelopes: You are invited to write down the names of those you would especially like to remember, or if you would like to enclose a donation towards a Mass for Holy Souls please put in one of the **white envelopes provided**. The envelopes will be brought to the altar at each Mass. If you wish to have a Mass said for someone in particular, please put your Mass offering and the name of your loved one in the **brown envelope provided**.

Loggerheads Parish Council: Commemoration of end of World War 1 on 11th November 2018. At White House Farm, on Mucklestone Wood Lane in Loggerheads, starting at 1845 hours. The Last post will be played and a two minute silence observed before a beacon is lit at 1900 hours. Expected time to finish is 1925 hours after prayers for peace and singing by the community choir. If you are able to attend please contact Clayton parish office to enable us to confirm numbers.

Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 13th November at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle. All welcome.

Samaritan's Purse- Shoebox Appeal: Shoeboxes are now available at Ashley and Clayton this weekend. The postage to send the shoebox is £5. Please check the newsletter over the next few weekends for the date to return to Church.

The rota for the Clayton Parish Counting Teams for 2019 will be completed shortly. We are in need of volunteers to join the teams, having lost some long serving and loyal members this year. Full training will be given.

One or two volunteers would also be welcome if you could spare some time during the week to help with banking. For further information, please contact Kate Hagan via the Parish Office.

Readers Sat:	27.10.18: M. Hartley/B. Bromfield	03.11.18: C. Byrne/H. Brown
Reading at Clayton:	28.10.18: M. Lycett	A. Goodall/B. Tierney
Reading at Clayton:	04.11.18: K. Lycett	J. Somers/M. Taylor
Counting at Clayton:	28.10.18: Carter/Lloyd/Southern	
Counting at Clayton:	04.11.18: Myatt	Second Collection: Myatt
Counting at Ashley	27.10.18: Peter	03.11.18: Stuart
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 28.10.18: Group 6 & 6b	W/c 04.11.18: Group 1
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 29.10.18: D. Dutton/P. Hartley	W/c 05.11.18: L. Mifflin/M. Kingston
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 29/10.18: D. Dutton W/c 05/11/18: D. Dutton	Clayton: 04.11.18: R. Hartley Clayton: 11.11.18: S. Walker
Children's Liturgy	27th October: Half Term	04.11.18: Judy

Diary Dates

Thur 22 nd Nov	Parish Committee Meeting 7pm (setting up the hall for the fayre 6pm)
Sat 24 th Nov	Winter Fayre 1pm – 3 pm

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.

Winter Fayre – Saturday 24th November 1pm – 3pm

Parish collection dates for Items for the Fayre

Sunday 28th October	Sunday 4th November	Sunday 11th November	Sunday 18th November	Friday 23rd/Saturday 24th November
Toys and Books including soft teddy bears	Chocolates and Bottles	Toiletries and Christmas decorations including plain baubles	Any items from previous weeks	Cakes

Lists for Winter Fayre: Please sign the lists in the porch if you are able to help with the following: Setting up the fayre the day before, helping on the day (**there are a few stalls that need volunteers to run them**), providing cakes for the cake stall, or providing a raffle prize.

Volunteer to take photographs at the Winter Fayre: Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

Raffle Tickets – Winter Fayre: Tickets available after Mass this weekend, please take some to sell to family and friends.

Tea and Coffee Rota after Sunday 10 am Mass: We are a team down and need 3 volunteers to form a team. Please speak to Judy Somers or leave your name at the parish office if you can help.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you are keeping well and that the Lord is by your side. For those among us who are not well, please give them a special thought and prayer. In particular I refer to those in hospital who feel distressed and alone. Pray that the Lord will be by their side now and always. With this in mind we have the anointing after this weekend's Masses. Remember the anointing can be for all sorts of healing needed in life. Please come forward after Masses this weekend if you so wish.

It is also the weekend that we change the clocks and they go back an hour. If you read this in Ashley it prepares you, if you did not know in Clayton then everything is now running an hour behind and you need not have got out of bed so early.

Next week is half term and a chance for our teaching staff to have a break and perhaps for Mums and Dads to spend a little more family time together. Whatever the benefit I hope you all have a nice few days.

Very importantly this coming week we have a **Holy Day of Obligation**, the **Feast Day of All Saints**, the celebration of heaven itself. There is the **Vigil evening Mass at Ashley Wednesday 7.15 p.m.** Then at Clayton we have the **Thursday morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. and the Thursday evening Mass at 7.15 p.m.** It is part of our Practicing Catholic Tradition to attend this Feast Day.

This weekend envelopes are available for Masses for the Dead, our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Also envelopes are available for Prayers for Our Faithful Departed. The latter envelopes/intentions will be brought up at the Offertory at all the Masses celebrated during the month of November. They will then be remembered in the prayers of all November Masses! The Masses for the Dead will be said this coming month and throughout the months ahead.

Have a good half-term and may the Lord be with you always!

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.