

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

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of the Year**  
**Sunday Readings Year C Weekday Readings Cycle**  
**One**

**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
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6.00 pm		John and Ursula Emery
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Mr Richard Rodgers (Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion Children)
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>9.15 am</b>	Holy Souls ( <b>School Mass</b> )
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Lucy Isidor, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration Margaret Bromfield
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>9.15 am</b> 6.30 pm	Ann Moran Divine Office
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>		10.00 am	Charles and Mary Henry
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>		10.00 am	No Intention, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am
<b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Philomena Barrington The Rosary – for peace in the world Mr Richard Rodgers

**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, Kathleen Rouffet and Louise.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Jackson and remember his family and friends in your prayers. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon at Our Lady & St John the Baptist R.C. Church, Ashley.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of John McNicholas whose Requiem Mass takes place at St Joseph's Goldenhill. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

**Please Note at Clayton:** Mass on Tuesday will be at **9.15 am** with the school, there will be no evening Mass. Mass on Thursday will be at 9.15 am.

**Urgent Appeal at Ashley Parish:** Volunteers are urgently needed to join the flower and the cleaning rota. If you can help with one or both of these please leave your name and number with Dee Dutton after Mass.

**Baby Loss Matters:** Our parish is participating in Baby Loss Matters, an initiative by the national prolife charity Life, to create memorial spaces in churches across the country to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during or shortly after birth for any reason. A memorial space has been created in the side chapel at Clayton church and includes prayers and a small memorial tree for anyone who wishes to make use of them. Please add a heart to the tree, with a name, if you wish. Today's second collection is for Life for their vital services giving practical and emotional support to women in crisis in pregnancies and suffering baby loss.

**LinkLine Fundraiser:** To all former pupils of St Joseph's College, Trent Vale – Giant pub games evening in aid of North Staffs LinkLine on Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 in St Werburgh's Parish hall. For details contact either **Gerard Whitehurst 07966 015221 gerard@gmg-associates.co.uk** or **Nick Bridgewater 07702 410687 nick.bridgewater@hotmail.com**

<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>02.02.19:</b> H. Brown/E. Mifflin	<b>09.02.19:</b> S. McKenna/J. Allbutt
<b>Reading at Clayton:</b>	<b>03.02.19:</b> M. Lycett	P. Staff/M. O'Brien
<b>Reading at Clayton:</b>	<b>10.02.19:</b> K. Lycett	W. Wilkes/B. Walker
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>03.02.19:</b> Samarasinha	<b>Second Collection:</b> Hagan/Pover
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>10.02.19:</b> Tunney	
<b>Counting at Ashley</b>	<b>02.02.19:</b> Stuart	<b>09.02.19:</b> Paul
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 03.02.19:</b> Group 2	<b>W/c 10.02.19:</b> Group 3
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>W/c 04.02.19:</b> L. Mifflin/M. Kingston	<b>W/c 11.02.19:</b> S. & A. Sammons
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Ashley:</b> <b>W/C 04.02.19:</b> C. Quinlan <b>11.02.19:</b> S. Urquhart	<b>Clayton:</b> <b>10.02.19:</b> R. Hartley <b>17.02.19:</b> J. Goodall
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>03.02.19:</b> Francois	<b>10.02.19:</b> Judy

### Diary Dates

Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Journey in Faith 8pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Baby and Toddler Group 9.30am – 11am
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Over 55's Friendship Club 1 pm – 3pm
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Second Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion Children 7pm in the school hall
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> March	First Forgiveness for First Holy Communion Children 7pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish AGM at St Werburgh's after 10am Mass

**Asha – Supporting Social inclusion for Asylum Seekers and Refugees:** Thank you for your donations of food over the past few months. Box available in the porch if you would like to donate. Most wanted food items are: Basmati Rice, Sunflower Cooking Oil, Tinned Tomatoes and Tuna, Pasta, Cereals, Chick Peas, Biscuits, Honey, Tea, Coffee, Jam, Pepper and Salt, Long Life Milk. **(No tinned meat or products in packets please)**

**North Staffs Deanery Vocations Mass:** On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale at 7.00 pm. Principal celebrant Father Michael Glover. All welcome.

#### **Appeal for Volunteers at Clayton:**

**Tea/Coffee Rota:** A few more volunteers are needed to join the tea and coffee rota after Sunday 10am Mass. Please speak to Judy Somers if you can help.

**Older Children's Liturgy Group:** Volunteers needed to join the rota to lead the group. Please leave your details with the parish office if you can help.

Thank you to those who have volunteered so far in joining the various rotas.

**Loggerheads Community Fete:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm at Loggerheads Fire Station.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend the parish of Clayton has two things to celebrate. Firstly, we welcome the year three children and all their families for “The Commitment Mass” in preparation for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. It also happens to be the same day as the Feast of St Werburgh the parish patron along with Our Lady, the patron of both parishes. In all of this we see a beautiful representation of our community, children and families under the loving umbrella of our patrons, Mary, John the Baptist and Werburgh. Let them warm our hearts and prepare them for all the graces that the Son of God has to offer us!

Please note this week that the School Mass is on Tuesday rather than Thursday for logistical reasons. The Thursday Mass will still be at 9.15 a.m. for anyone wanting to attend but without the happy presence of our children. Please note that there will be no tea and coffee following the Tuesday Mass as LinkLine will be in the upper room.

Talking of LinkLine there will be a tombola/bottle stall following the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass in the hall at Clayton to raise funds for our befriending organisation. Tea and coffee will also be served as usual!

This week we saw the official welcome of Father George into the Deanery Area, taking charge of the parish of Our Lady and the Angels, St Peter in Chains. It was a great evening with a host of guests from different parishes and regions. Welcome Father George and we hope that you will be happy in your new post!

We remember in our prayers the sick of the parish, the housebound and our faithful departed. We pray for the repose of the souls of Anne Weston and Meg Matthews who were buried this last week. Also we remember John McNicholas and Bernard Jackson who died recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

May the Lord Jesus keep you in his care!

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