



**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 6th May 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Readings Year B Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

Responsorial Psalm

“The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.”

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him ”**

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 5th May Vigil Mass for Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter	6. 00 pm		George J. Dutton
Sunday 6th May 6th Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Lillian and Frank Thomas The Rosary – For peace in the world People of the Parishes
Tuesday 8th May		7.15 pm	Rosemary Davies
Wednesday 9th May Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Intention of Raymond Cunningham, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am Adoration Eileen Boardman
Thursday 10th May Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord		9.15 am 7.15 pm	Joyce Ashcroft Mary Walsh
Friday 11th May		9.15 am 10.30 am	Mass – Bob Hedges Funeral Service for Audrey Hancock
Saturday 12th May Vigil Mass for Sunday 7th Sunday of Easter	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Paul Day, Mass followed by Adoration until 11. 00 am 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

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 pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Hancock, and remember her family and friends in your prayers. Funeral Service at Our Lady & St Werburgh Church on Friday 11th May at 10.30 am.

Please keep Felicity O'Hara in your prayers; she is to be baptised on Sunday.

Clayton Reading Rota: The updated rota is now available in the porch.

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

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

The Annual Pilgrimage is on Saturday May 12th. We are organising a coach which will depart from Holy Trinity, Newcastle at 7:00am and arrive back at Newcastle at approximately 10:00pm.

The cost will be £15 per person, which needs to be paid in advance.

If you require more information about the pilgrimage please ring Justin Emery on 01782616031 or Piers James on 01538752539 for details of pick up points other than Holy Trinity

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)

Readers Sat:	05.05.18: H. Brown/E. Mifflin	12.05.18: C. Byrne/V. Thompson
Reading at Clayton:	06.05.18: S. Sammons	J. Somers/M. Hughes
Reading at Clayton:	13.05.18 E. Hothersall	J. Taylor/M. Taylor
Counting at Clayton:	06.05.18: Walker	
Counting at Clayton:	13.05.18: Carter/Lloyd/Southern	Second Collection: Hagan/Pover
Counting at Ashley:	05.05.18: Stuart	12.05.18: Bernard
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 06.05.18: Group 5	W/c 13.05.18: Group 6 & 6b
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	W/c 07.05.18: S. & A. Sammons	W/c 14.05.18: S. Urquhart/M. Heath
Altar Flowers:	Ashley: W/c 07.05.18: C. Quinlan W/c 14.05.18: V. Door	Clayton: 13.05.18: R. Hartley 20.05.18: S. Walker
Children's Liturgy:	06.05.18: Judy	13.05.18: Martin

Diary Dates

Wed 9 th May	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 10 th May	Over 55's Friendship Group 1pm – 3pm
Tue 15 th May	Youth Group (Ten Pin Bowling)
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
Sat 7 th July	Parish/PTA Summer Fayre

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.

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

Potteries Theological Society: On Wednesday 9th May 7pm in Room CBA 0.060 in the Chancellor's Building, Keele University. Please note that this is not in our usual building, but it is on the ground floor of the Chancellor's Building and fully accessible. **The Revd Zoe Heming**, who is priest-in-charge of Church Aston, Newport, and the Diocesan Enabling Church Adviser, will be speaking to us on the subject of disability, with the title "A disabled church?"

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.

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.)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although the longest celebration of the year Easter Season has passed very rapidly. It is the Sixth Sunday and this Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven. Such is its importance that the Church asks us to treat it as seriously as a Sunday and do our best to attend Mass. Please refer to the additional Masses available.

During the Week we also celebrated the Feast of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales. These martyrs are the ones who gave their lives that the faith of the Church could live on in this country. No long back there was a series on TV about this time and the gunpowder plot to remind us of the terrible situation catholic families and supporters of the faith were in. It was a time of constant fines and persecution if you refused to worship outside you church beliefs. Anyone who harboured a priest could face execution if they did not renounce their faith. Religious freedom has been dearly bought! Let us give thanks for the tolerance and freedoms we have today!

This weekend of course is Bank Holiday weekend and I hope it is a time for a little rest and relaxation for many if not all of us. All rest and many forms of relaxation can reflect a certain holiness in that they are a gift of God, a positive side to life for us to enjoy and be creative. Let us always rejoice in good choices of rest and relaxation. Happy break time to all our readers!

We remember all our sick and housebound in our prayers. I am sure they too would love to be out and about but are restrained by their circumstances. Let us spare a thought for them. Also we remember our bereaved and faithful departed, in particular Jean Ford, Paul Day and Audrey Hancock whose funeral service takes place this Friday at 10.30 a.m. Please note that Mass that day takes place at the earlier time of 9.15 a.m.

Finally it is the month of May, Our Lady's Month and we recall the importance of the devotion and meditation of the Rosary. I believe that the piety stall has a new selection of rosaries for people to buy and encourages to take part in this beautiful prayer and meditation of scripture.

May Our Lady watch over you with her special care!

Father Anton s.c.j.