



***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> October 2017  
Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year  
Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**“Remember your mercy, Lord.”**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him!**

**Alleluia!**

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	Bill Anyon The Rosary – For Peace in the World James Donlon
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>		9.15 am	Forgotten Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>		10.00 am	In Thanksgiving, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am
<b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6. 00 pm		Ellen Squires
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>27<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 Stephen Waters

**Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 am – 11.30 am. At Ashley Saturday's 5.25pm – 5.45 pm.**

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our parishes, including: Marjorie Dray, Neil Beardmore, Private Intention, Bernard Rudd, Bill Doolan, Marie Murphy, Jessie Rowley, Philip Fradley, Barbara Jones, John Cooney, Margaret McGibbon, 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, Stephen Collins, Karen Blaszczyk, John, Linda O'Rourke, John Stevenson, Nell Potter, 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 keep Beau Burke in your prayers; she is to be baptised on Sunday.

**Please Note: There will only be one week day Mass on Thursday at Clayton at 9.15 am.**

**Parish Mission:** Co-ordinators meeting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 11.30 am in the parish hall. If you have not signed up to help but would still like to please come along to the meeting.

**Opening Ceremony of Deanery Visitation:** On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm at St Joseph's Burslem. Please speak to Father Anton if you would like to go, and have not already notified him.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** Envelopes available today for next week's retiring collection.

**North Staffs Area Pastoral Council:** You are invited to join the parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7 pm. Our Lady of the Angels and St Peter in Chains, Stoke ST4 7LT. Celebrant Father Michael Miners MA (OCDs)

**Clayton Day of Adoration:** On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: There is a list for watching (2 people at all times please) and a list to pay for a candle in memory of a loved one. Candles £3.50 each.

**Open Arms – Faith Enrichment for Families:** You are warmly invited to St Werburgh's Church hall. All ages welcome.  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 4.30 -5.30 pm  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 4.30– 5.30 pm.  
For further details contact Hannah Beattie on 07780777172.

**Journey in Faith:** Will start on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8pm in the upper room. All welcome.

Kate Hagan and family, would like to say thank you for the cards of condolence, mass offerings and messages of sympathy received following the death of her mum.

<b>Readers Sat:</b>	<b>30.09.17:</b> J. Dunlevy/H.Brown	<b>07.10.17:</b> S. McKenna/J. Allbutt
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>01.10.17:</b> A. Carter	S. Rowe/M. Anderson
<b>Readers Sun:</b>	<b>08.10.17:</b> E. Hothersall	M. Tierney/A. Hagan
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>01.10.17:</b> Grannell	
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>08.10.17:</b> Hapuarachi	<b>Second Collection:</b> Hapuarachi
<b>Counting at Ashley:</b>	<b>30.09.17:</b> Stuart	<b>07.10.17:</b> Alan
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 01.10.17:</b> Group 4	<b>W/c 08.10.17:</b> Group 5
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>W/c 02.10.17:</b> V. Door/C. Quinlan	<b>09.10.17:</b> M. & B. Bromfield
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Ashley</b> <b>W/C 02.10.17:</b> S. Urquhart <b>09.10.17:</b> S.Urquhart	<b>Clayton:</b> <b>08.10.17:</b> S. Walker <b>10.10.17:</b> P. Palmer <b>15.10.17:</b> C. Pover
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>01.10.17:</b> Sue	<b>08.10.17:</b> Wendy

### Diary Dates

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Co-ordinators Meeting for Parish Mission 11.30 am parish hall
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Opening Ceremony for Deanery Visitation at St Joseph's Burslem 7pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent and Toddler Group 10 am – 11.30 am
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Over 55's Friendship Club 1pm – 3pm
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Clayton Day of Adoration
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Confirmation Meeting (school hall) 6.30 pm
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Confirmation Enrolment Mass at St Werburgh's 7.00 pm
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Journey in Faith Restarts 8pm in the Upper Room
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parish Committee Meeting 8pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Confirmation Preparation Mass 10 am St Werburgh's
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sion Mission visit from Karen Shurety.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Faith Enrichment for Families 4.30 – 5.30 pm in the parish hall
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ashley/Clayton Deanery Visitation by Bishop David McGough
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Confirmation Mass at Clayton 7pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Faith Enrichment for Families 4.30 – 5.30 pm in the parish hall
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Advent Fayre (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parish Mission

**PARISH MISSION: 27th JANUARY - 11th FEBRUARY 2018:** We are greatly looking forward to welcoming the Sion Community into our parishes early in the New Year; to lead us through a time of celebration, renewal and outreach. To help get the Mission process off to the best start possible, Karen Shurety from Sion will be visiting us over the weekend of **28th - 29th October**. Karen will be speaking at the end of each Mass and will hold an open meeting at 11.30am, in the Clayton parish hall on Sunday 29th. This meeting will help us to learn more about the Mission process and how we can prepare to get the very best out of it. In the meantime:

**Pray:** Please pray for the success of our Mission. **Prepare:** Please consider how you might offer your gifts and resources. Before we welcome Karen, we will have a 'pre-launch' meeting on Sunday 1st October at 11.30 in the parish hall, when we can start to think of roles and responsibilities that need to be fulfilled. **Invite:** "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations!" Matthew 28:19. Please consider making space in your diary now for the Mission and think about inviting friends, family, neighbours and strangers!

## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Parishioners,

October already and this week we welcome the Archbishop on Tuesday evening at St Joseph's Burslem. There will be Evening Prayer of the Church Universal followed by a talk by the Archbishop and tea and coffee. We have a goodly number of representatives but if there is any else who would like to represent our parish groups or parish in general you are very welcome to join us. If you wish to car share or need a lift then we meet and leave from the car park at St Werburgh's at 6.30 p.m. prompt!

May I remind those who have volunteered to help with the coming Mission that there is a gathering in the Hall at 11.30 a.m. to look at some of the tasks involved and see what are the requirements as laid out by the Mission Team.

Tuesday the following week we look forward to the Day of Adoration at St Werburghs. If you are free to come along and sign up for a half hour slot then please do so. Let us recall the teaching of the Church that our Buildings are Sacred Places because they house the Son of God. Jesus is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament in an extremely special way. His love and goodness is therefore open to all who would call upon him. So let us all call upon him, even if only for a passing moment, a few minutes after leaving or picking up the children, on the way to or from work, when out shopping or doing the errands!

Once more can I remind you that we are in need of a couple of extra helpers for our Youth Group. I know you are all busy, engaged and generous with your time, but I also know just how valuable it is for our young people to be able to gather together in friendship and in a safe faith setting.

Finally thank you to the Area Pastoral Council for inviting Doctor Judith Champ to come along and speak on Priesthood in the Modern World. Thank you to those who hosted all the guests for the event.

God bless and keep you all safe in his care!

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