

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Word Mission Sunday, a reminder to us all that when the Lord said, "Go out and spread the good news with your lives," he meant that the word of God should be proclaimed throughout the world. Today we look outwards from our own worlds to the world at large, praying for all followers of Christ. Funds are also collected at the end of Mass for the support of Christians suffering and under persecution throughout!

Please note that next weekend is an exchange of pupils. I have been invited over to St Wulstan's parish to preach there on vocations. In return Father John Waters is coming here to reciprocate. Please make him welcome and to feel at home.

Next weekend is also the start of half-term so if you are going away then travel safely. Enjoy a rest if possible and return refreshed. On the weekend return we celebrate All Saints and All Souls, a time to remember our loved ones, bring their name to the altar and have Masses said for the repose of their eternal souls. Envelopes will be available at the back of church next week for names of the deceased to be prayed for and for the booking of Mass intentions.

Some of you may have heard the news that Bishop Tim Menezes has been transferred and given the bishopric of Brentwood. We are sorry to lose him, but we wish him well in his new diocese down south. Brentwood covers the area of Essex and East London.

Our Winter Fayre is approaching to take place Saturday November 21st. It is a little early due to the Confirmations and other events. Can you look into your cupboards for prizes and things to sell on the stalls? The usual raffle will take place, the first prize being £500, just to get the season started.

Meanwhile take good care of yourselves and God bless you!

Father Anton S.C.J.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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No 234216***

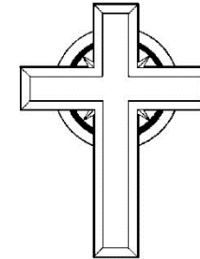
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Sunday 18th October 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

Prayer before Mass

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

**And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 17th October Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty- Ninth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		Sarasamma James RIP
Sunday 18th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Andrew Bancewicz RIP People of the Parishes
Tuesday 20th October		7.15 pm	Mary Richards RIP
Wednesday 21st October	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 22nd October		9.15 am	Holy Mass with the School
Friday 23rd October		10.00am	Holy Mass
Saturday 24th October Vigil Mass Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass followed by Adoration People of the Parishes
Sunday 25th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00 am	Mary Richards RIP Joseph & Gladys Mason RIP

Confessions on Saturdays: Ashley before 6pm Mass. Clayton 10.30 – 11.30 am

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.

World Mission Sunday: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday. Please pray for the work of the mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk.

Missio Red Boxes: Please can you return the contents of your boxes to Church as soon as possible in the brown envelope available from the back of Church.

Ashley Readers Rota: The updated rota is now available.

Ashley Parish Table top sale and refreshments in Oddfellows hall 11am-3pm on the 7th November. All welcome. Proceeds to the building fund. Crystals, craft items, Christmas gift ideas.

Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 10th November at Holy Trinity, Newcastle 12 noon.

Readers Ashley	Saturday 6.00pm	17.10.26 S. McKenna	24.10.26 B. Bromfield	31.10.26 R. McKenna
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	18.10.26 C. Dible	25.10.26 M. Corrigan	01.11.26 C. Pover
Readers	Sunday 10 am	18.10.26 B. Walker	25.10.26 B. Tierney/ M. Tierney	01.11.26 M. Larkin/ M. Hughes
Counting	Clayton	18.10.26 Walker	25.10.26 Thompson/ Carter	01.11.26 Eggington/ Beardmore
Cleaning	Clayton	18.10.26 Group 5	25.10.26 Group 6	01.11.26 Group 1
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	October P. & C. Quinlan		
Flowers	Ashley 19.10.26 26.10.26 02.11.26	Hazel Chris Chris	Clayton 18.10.26 25.10.26 01.11.26	Catherine Rosalind Julia
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections: 17th/18th Oct APF World Mission Sunday 30th Oct/1st Nov Johnson Association			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£168.25	Ashley	£55.00
Cash	Clayton	£258.89	Ashley	£45.47
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£857.14	Ashley	£192.47

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Kate Hagan She can be contacted at:

sg.olstwerburgh.clayton@rcaob.org.uk or 01782 613023 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Safeguarding: We have received a copy of the report from the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency following the recent inspection, which has awarded the Archdiocese an overall grading of **Exceeding Expectations**. A copy of the report is available should anyone wish to read it in full - please contact the Office.

Winter Fayre: On Saturday 21st November 12 noon until 2.00 pm. We would be grateful for raffle prizes for the main raffle and items for the stalls.