

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having just returned from a retreat with the other members of my Congregation of Priests and Brothers, I give thanks for the privilege of being allowed the time, indeed, a mandate to attend. Such is the rule of religious life that we are called to spend at least a week each year reviving our spiritual lives and renewing our bonds of religious life.

One of the things that we celebrated was the fact that one of our past members is on the road to being made a Saint, the process of canonisation. One of the conditions is that a miracle is performed when praying to him and that his life, after investigation, is seen to have been saintly and honourable. The man in question is the Blessed Auguste Echecopar, originally a Basque priest who spent a good deal of his life in Argentina. I share with you one of his prayers, one that we used during our retreat.

*O Father may I praise you
O Father may I honour you
O Father may I serve you
O Father may I love you*

*O Father I am your child
I ask Lord that I may believe in you
I ask that I may be in awe of you.*

*O Father may I be an obedient child
I submit to you. I give myself.*

*O Son, may I be your Brother,
Respectful and devoted.
I offer myself to you.*

O Holy Spirit! O Mary! Help me to believe! Amen

Please note, that as we move forward and step by step open up the life of our church as best we can, that this coming Friday will be the start of a 10 a.m. morning Mass at Clayton. Friday devotions have always been a part of the church's tradition and is much missed by many. Should we complete Nine First Fridays of the month then tradition states that we have guaranteed ourselves a place in life eternal.

Let us keep the Lord before us and let us go forward in faith, hope and the love of Jesus himself.

God bless you all and stay safe.

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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**Sunday 10th October 2021
Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B**

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts,
that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel,
may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 9th October Vigil Mass for Sunday 28th Sunday of the Year		6.00pm	Nigel Bullock RIP
Sunday 10th October 28th Sunday of the Year		9.00am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes Deceased of the Henry and O'Kane families
Wednesday 13th October	11.30am		No Intention
Friday 15th October		10.00am	Thanksgiving
Saturday 16th October Vigil Mass for Sunday 29th Sunday of the Year		6.00 pm	People of the Parishes
Sunday 17th October 29th Sunday of the Year		8.45 am 10.00am	No Intention No Intention

Confessions: At Clayton by appointment only, please ring the parish office on 613023.

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!

Mass at Clayton Parish: There will be a Mass on Friday 15th October at 10 am. **Please note the change of time on Sunday 17th October to 8.45 am**

Mass at Ashley Parish: Please continue to ring the parish office to book a place at Mass:

Wednesday 13th October 11.30 am
Wednesday 20th October 11.30 am

Piety Stall: There are a few 2022 Catholic diaries on sale, also a selection of Christmas cards. Please contact Rosalind Hartley on 07710117789.

Mass Intentions: Mass intention envelopes are available in the porch, please leave your name and a contact number on the envelope or ring the parish office and we can book a Mass in for you.

Counting Rota at Clayton: Please contact the parish office if you are able to continue counting on the new counting rota. New volunteers welcome.

Reading Rota at Clayton: Please contact the parish office if you are able to continue reading on the new reading rota. **Please can you confirm which Mass you would like to read at.** New volunteers welcome.

Volunteers for Tea and Coffee Rota: Volunteers are needed to join the rota to serve tea and coffee after Sunday 10am Mass. Please contact Judy Somers on 616071 or leave a message with the parish office.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Directory 2021: On sale £3. Please contact the parish office to purchase a copy.

Church Cleaning Clayton: W/c 10th October: Group 5 & 5b
W/c 17th October Group 1

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank: Please bring all donations to Mass at the weekend, or by arrangement with the parish office on a week day.

New Email Address: Please email olstwerburgh.clayton@rcaob.org.uk