

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Resurrexit sicut dixit!" He has risen as he said he would!

On receiving this message, we give heartfelt thanks for the gift of the promise of the Resurrection, the gift of life to come. It is an enormous and astounding gift from Jesus to us. Over the following Easter season Jesus will appear in many and varied places.

A very big thank you to you all for all the hard work to make our Easter Celebrations such a wonderful time. Thank you for all the effort and care of the many little details that are necessary in order to make things run smoothly. Thank you to all organisers who have seen to various needs, such as readers, musicians, servers, ministers, leaders, children's liturgy and all those who have spent time getting the church ready for the various events, from the mournful to the joyous.

Let us continue to celebrate the fifty days of Eastertide, it is naturally the longest and most important celebration in the Church calendar!

Thank you also for the generous Easter offerings which help subsidise my income and the work of my Congregation of Priest and Brothers of Betharram!

I hope that everyone of you is able to enjoy something of the Easter break, that you come back refreshed and happy to be of service to the Lord. Let us pray that the weather also improves and not having to wonder how many layers of clothing it is necessary to put on in order to face the outside.

God bless and a very happy Easter season to you all!

Father Anton s.c.j.

Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley

and

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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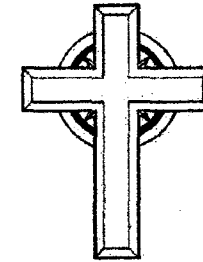
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**Sunday 12th April 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday Readings Year A
Weekday Readings Year 2**

***Happy moments
Praise God
Difficult moments
Seek God
Quiet moments
Worship God
Painful moments
Trust God
Every moments
Thank God***

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 11th April Vigil Mass Second Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 10.00 am	Mary Richards RIP Jeff Beardmore RIP
Tuesday 14th April		7.15 pm	Pam Rooker RIP
Wednesday 15th April	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Maureen and John Mulrooney Adoration Jane Boendermaker
Thursday 16th April		9.15 am	Holy Mass with the school
Friday 17th April		10.00am	Peace in the World
Saturday 18th April Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm	10.00am	Holy Mass People of the Parishes
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 10.00am	Christine McKenna Birthday, All souls in Purgatory and Thanksgiving

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

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.

Please keep Arabella and Raymont in your prayers they are to be baptised this weekend.

Lenten Appeal: Please bring your Lent donations for Mary's Meals and WaterAid after Easter or you may use the contactless machine in the porch at Clayton.

Ashley Thanksgiving Meal: Saturday 25th April after Mass. All welcome. Please see Hazel after mass for tickets.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year are available to collect in the Church porch.

Parish of St James the Great Clayton: Sixtieth Anniversary Eucharist. On Sunday 26th April 2026 at 10am. Please see poster on noticeboard for further details.

Readers Saturday	6.00pm	11.04.26 L. Mifflin	18.04.26 See New Rota	25.04.26 See New Rota
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	12.04.26 A. Dible	19.04.26 M. Hill	26.04.26 S. Sammons
Readers	Sunday 10 am	12.04.26 A. Hagan/ M. Hughes	19.04.26 B. Walker/ J. Somers	26.04.26 B. Tierney /R. Gallimore
Counting	Clayton	12.04.26 Eggington	19.04.26 Whitehurst /Machin	26.04.26 Grannell
Cleaning	Clayton	12.04.26 Group 2	19.04.26 Group 3	26.04.26 Group 4
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	April H. Brown/ J. Dunlevy		
Flowers	Ashley	See New Rota	Clayton 12.04.26 19.04.26	Helen Sujen
Offerory Collections – thank you				The retiring collection at Ashley on 11 th April is for the Building Fund
Gift Aid	Clayton		Ashley	
Cash	Clayton		Ashley	
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton		Ashley	
Holy Places	Clayton	£130.96		

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.

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank: Please see list of current shortages on the noticeboard.

Are You Worried About Scam Callers?: Father Hudson's Caritas Clayton Social Group in association with Nat West Bank are offering a free information session for anyone over 50. It will be held on Friday 24th April 1.30 – 3.30 pm at St James's Church Hall, Clayton Road.