

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let us remember this very title. May the world also remember it. Then perhaps the recognition that we are brothers and sisters through God's creation, it might bring about peace and justice. So often conflict begins with the festering of a sense of injustice, a belief that we have been badly treated, robbed of rights and goods, land and freedoms. It is why the message of Christ is so important, that we look after the poor, the downtrodden, be ready to forgive, bring justice and healing. The opposite, greed, abuse, injustice eat at the soul of men and women. Then good people defend themselves and risk becoming aggressive and violent.

This remembrance Sunday, let us never forget the horror of war, the loss of beautiful life, the sacrifices made for freedom! Lest we forget!

Moving nearer home I would like to thank Canon Paul McNally, our new Episcopal Vicar, for conducting the wonderful celebration of Mass and the Receiving of the gift of Confirmation. Thank you also to the teachers, catechists and parents who have prepared the children and helped make the evening celebration such an occasion. May the gift of peace be one of the most emphasised fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives!

We continue to pray for our faithful departed this November Month. In particular we remember Mary Richards whose funeral is on Friday 1 p.m. She will be received into church the evening before at 6 p.m. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Finally take care and keep safe!

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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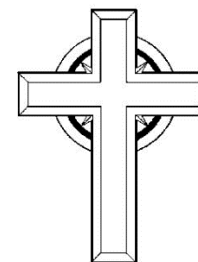
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**Sunday 12th November 2023
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year A**

Remembrance Sunday

Prayer for Holy Souls

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 11th November Vigil Mass 32nd Sunday	6 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 12th November 32nd Sunday Remembrance Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Rosemary Davies Constance and Walter Burke
Tuesday 14th November		7.15 pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 15th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Rita Kennedy Adoration The Sutton Family
Thursday 16th November		9.15 am 6.00 pm	Holy Souls (School Mass) Reception for Mary Richards
Friday 17th November		1.00 pm	Requiem Mass for Mary Richards
Saturday 18th November Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	10.00am	Aubrey, Graham and the Sammons, Akers and Perry families People of the Parishes
Sunday 19th November 33rd 6Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Mary Richards Ethna Walsh

Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 -11.30 am. 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.

Holy Souls Envelopes: You are invited to write down the names of those you would especially like to remember, or if you would like to enclose a donation towards a Mass for Holy Souls please put in the envelope marked **November List of the Dead**. The envelopes will be brought up to the altar at each Mass. If you wish to have a Mass said for someone in particular, please put your Mass offering and name in the envelopes marked **November Mass Offering**.

Piety Stall: We have a selection of Christmas cards, gifts and advent Calendars on sale. Also catholic diaries £3.00

CAFOD Update: Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England and Wales signed the letter, and a third of all parishes took part. Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very promising start. Thank you for adding your voice. **ALSO Christmas CAFOD World Gifts brochures are now available in the porch.**

Readers	Saturday 6pm	11.11.23: S. McKenna	18.11.23: J. Allbutt	25.11.23: C. Byrne
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	12.11.23: K. Lycett	19.11.23: M. O'Hagan	26.11.23: S. Sammons
Readers	Sunday 10am	12.11.23: A. Goodall/A. Hagan	19.11.23: B. Walker/M. Hughes	26.11.23: B.Tierney/J. Somers
Counting	Clayton	12.11.23: Walker	19.11.23: Thompson/Carter	26.11.23: Egginton 2 nd Collection Hagan
Cleaning	Clayton	12.11.23: Group 4	19.11.23: Group 5 & 5b	26.11.23: Group 1
Cleaning	Ashley	November	P & C. Quinlan	
Flowers	Ashley	13.11.23: Chris 20.11.23: Sue U 27.11.23: Sue U	Clayton: 12.11.23: Sujen 19.11.23: Catherine	26.11.23: Rosalind
Children's Liturgy	Clayton	12.11.23: 19/11/23:	Catherine	Debbie
		Offertory Collections – thank you		
Gift Aid	Clayton	£225.23	Ashley	£30.00
Cash	Clayton	£150.42	Ashley	£16.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£805.65	Ashley	£138.00

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 concern.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSKHOP: At Our Lady & St Werburgh's Church beginning Saturday 18th November from 10:30am to 12:30.

Winter Fayre – Saturday 2nd December 12 Noon – 2pm

We are in need of raffle prizes for the main raffle, also donations for the stalls and cakes for the cake stall (**please note down all ingredients when sending in homemade cakes**)

Youth Mass: Our next Youth Mass will be at OLSW @10am on Sunday 26th November - the Feast of Christ the King and also World Youth Sunday. A number of our young people will have been on retreat at Alton Castle the weekend before, so this time we will not meet on Saturday evening. Please could any children (Year 4 and above), who would like to take part in the Mass, please meet in the hall at 9:30am. There will be a second collection for the Kenelm Youth Trust, our Diocesan Youth Service.