

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent has passed and we are now into the Season of Easter which will run for several weeks until Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the return of Christ to us as the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit comes to us all in Baptism and Confirmation, it is the opportunity to live the life of Christ, allowing him to dwell within us. That Holy Spirit enhanced by the Communion of Union, that of the Mass itself, where we witness Christ to the world at large.

Looking back quickly at the Easter Service I congratulate you all on the wonderful preparation and participation. The attendance was excellent and the services beautiful as usual. As I once again thank you all for your hard work, a special mention for our band of servers who gave generously of their time, many of them attending multiple events during Holy Week. They are a great credit to themselves and their families. Well done and thank you in the name of the Lord and his Church!

Term has restarted for schools, and we wish all young people the best as they learn and mature. As we pray for the children we also pray for teachers and staff who look after them. There are many pressures in life and our endeavours ask much of each other. We give thanks also for the support of parents who wish the best for their children. As parents are the first teachers of their children we encourage and thank them for their support while remembering that the faith they cultivate for themselves is the faith that they are able to hand down to their children.

Please keep in your prayers Chris Davies who died recently. Also family and friends are in need of our prayers!

Last of all a big thank you for your generous Easter Offerings, cards and gifts for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. I think I am fast becoming a chocoholic!!!

God bless and take good care of yourselves and one another.

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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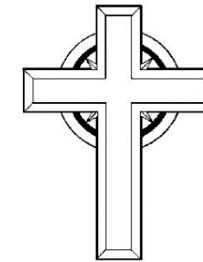
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**Sunday 14th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2**

The Prayer of the Servant Church

**Loving Father, fill us all with your
Presence, in Jesus your Son
May we think with the mind of Christ
See with the eyes of Christ
Speak with the words of Christ
Serve with the hands of Christ
Love with the life of Christ
Who is Our Lord for ever and ever**

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 13th April Vigil Mass 3rd Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 10.00 am	Philomena Barrington Jeff Beardmore RIP
Tuesday 16th April		7.15 pm	No Intention
Wednesday 17th April	6. 45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	No Intention Adoration No Intention
Thursday 18th April		9.15 am	No Intention (Mass with the School)
Friday 19th April		10.00am	Special Intention for grieving broken hearts
Saturday 20th April		10.00am	Intention of Peter and Margaret O' Hagan (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Vigil Mass	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 10.00am	Edward Wenger RIP No Intention

**Confessions at Clayton on Saturday's 10.30-11.30am.
At Ashley before Saturday 6pm 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes at Clayton: Envelopes are available today. Please take a flyer with further details regarding Gift Aid. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please contact the parish office.

Lenten Appeal - WaterAid and Mary's Meals: Please return any donations collected through Lent to church as soon as possible.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: Year of Prayer Talk by Phil Mayland of CAFOD on the Lord's prayer. At St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm.

Parish Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th April at 7pm in the upper room.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Mass for Marriage: An invitation to married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year. Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley. On Saturday 4th May 2024 at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham followed by light refreshments. Please let us know that you are coming by 21st April visit: www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	13.04.24: B. Bromfield	20.04.24: H. Brown	27.04.24: S. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	14.04.24: S. Sammons	21.04.24: C. Pover	28.04.24: M. Anderson
Readers	Sunday 10am	14.04.24: S. Sony/M. Tierney	21.04.24: A. Hagan/M. Hughes	28.04.24: B. Walker/J. Somers
Counting	Clayton	14.04.24: Egginton	21.04.24: Whitehurst/ Machin	28.04.24: Grannell
Cleaning	Clayton	14.04.24: Group 1	21.04.24: Group 2	28.04.24: Group 3
Cleaning	Ashley	April	H. Brown	J. Dunlevy
Flowers	Ashley	22.04.24: Hazel	Clayton	14.04.24: Catherine
Children's Liturgy	14.04.24	Claire H/Natalie	21.04.24	Anne/Claire O
		Offertory Collections – Thank You		The retiring collection 20 th 21 st April Clergy Training Fund
Gift Aid	Clayton	£134.14	Ashley	£37.00
Cash	Clayton	£262.41	Ashley	£20.10
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£826.55	Ashley	£149.10
Holy Places			Ashley	£7.00

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.

Youth Group at St Werburgh's: Want to be part of something NEW, something exciting, something just for YOU?

Open to Year Groups 4 – 13 (so age 9 – 18)

Come to a meeting to shape a NEW Youth Group!

Where: Our Lady and St Werburgh's Church Hall ST5 4AG

When: Saturday 20 April 2024

Time: 6 – 7:30pm

Subs: First session – FREE, £2 thereafter

There WILL be pizza, there WILL be snacks. Will you be there?

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