

ELEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Alone with none but thee, I journey on my way, what need I fear, when thou art near, O King of night and day? More safe am I within thy hand, than if a host did round me stand.” is a verse from a well-known hymn!

I thought this verse so very appropriate as our children celebrated their Holy Communion of the First Time this weekend. Although we are all accompanied one way or another, there is always that part of us that yearns for something more, that something for us is filled with the presence and love of God in the sacraments. The strongly relational Sacrament is that of the Eucharist, Holy Communion at Mass which can be repeated time and time again. It builds us and fills us in that part of being empty without God.

This last Friday we also celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a reminder that when we receive Holy Communion, we receive the love of the heart of Jesus. We receive Jesus himself, whole and entire.

As the Patronal Feast of my Congregation of Priests and Brothers, I ask your prayers for them and for their work which is international and thriving abroad. Our small band here in England continue to serve the dioceses of Birmingham and Nottingham.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the AGM last Sunday. It was good to see that the parish is alive and well, with many committed members who love and serve the church both here and around the deanery and even as far as the diocese in its needs. God bless you and thank you for your service.

Next Saturday there is a meeting for our young people, 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in the parish hall. Pizza nourishment part way through! Again, thank you to all who help and support the work for our young people.

God bless and keep you all safe in his care!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

*The parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered
Charity No 234216*

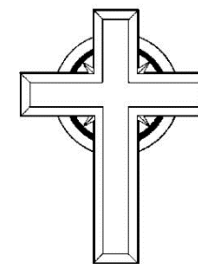
Parish Priest: Father Anton Madej, SCJ

Clayton and Ashley: 01782 613023

Email: olstwerburgh.clayton@rcaob.org.uk

[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]

Chaplain's Office for inpatients at the Royal Stoke: 01782 676400



Sunday 14th June 2026
Eleventh Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year A
Weekday Readings Year 2

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Heart most tender,
hold in Your embrace those I love,
and those I struggle to love.
Shelter the weary, guide the lost,
and draw all souls into the warmth
of Your redeeming fire.

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 13th June Vigil Mass 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 14th June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time		8.15 am 10.00am	First Holy Communion children and families Father Paul Devaney RIP
Tuesday 16th June		7.15 pm	Brenda Brookes RIP
Wednesday 17th June	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Mary Turnbull RIP Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 18th June Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral		9.15 am	Raymond and Mary Madej RIP
Friday 19th June		10.00am	Jose Mathew RIP
Saturday 20th June Vigil Mass 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass Holy Mass
Sunday 21st June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		8.15 am 10.00am	People of the Parishes Derek and Brigid Hulse RIP

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 Lyra, Luca and Anders in your prayers they are to be baptised this weekend.

North Staffs Vocations Promotion Group: This group was formed in 1988 by the late Fr Seamus Gilroy whose vision was to form groups to find ways to promote vocations to the Priesthood.

The local group seeks to recruit a 'Point of Contact' in each parish to share information and ideas. There will be no pressure to join the group. If you are willing to help, please contact Lesley Colclough on l.c.colclough@btinternet.com.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council:

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy will give a talk on two Papal Documents 'Divine Love and Love of the Poor' on Friday 19th June at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Angels, Stoke. All welcome.

Youth Group: Will meet on Saturday 20th June 6pm in the parish hall.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	13.06.26 C Bland	20.06.26 B. Bromfield	27.06.26 R. McKenna
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	14.06.26 D Mason	21.06.26 TBA	28.06.26 TBA
Readers	Sunday 10 am	14.06.26 B Walker J Somers	21.06.26 TBA	28.06.26 TBA
Counting	Clayton	14.06.26 Grannell	21.06.26 Lycett/ Bullock/ Corrigan	28.06.26 Hughes
Cleaning	Clayton	14.06.26 Group 5	21.06.26 Group 6	28.06.26 Group 1
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	June A. & J..Capper	July S. & L. Mifflin	
Flowers	Ashley 15.06.26 22.06.26 29.06.26	Hazel Chris Chris	Clayton 14.06.26 21.06.26 28.06.26	Rosalind Helen Sujen
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections 13.06.26: Ashley Building Fund 20/21.06.26: Day for Life 27/28.06.26 Peter's Pence			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£96.64	Ashley	£55.00
Cash	Clayton	£399.29	Ashley	£56.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£925.93	Ashley	£203.00

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 concerns.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 4th July 12 Noon – 2pm:

Raffle Prizes: We would be very grateful for prizes for the main raffle.

Raffle Tickets: Now available in the porch. Please take some to sell to family and friends.

Items for Stalls: Books, toys, toiletries, bottles are needed for the stalls.

The North Staffordshire Walsingham Association - day trip to Chester on Wednesday

24th June 2026: This trip is in honour of the Jubilee of Saint Francis of Assisi and will include time for a Cathedral visit, Mass at 12noon at the Franciscan Friary and a talk

The cost is 15 pounds per person for the coach travel

For further information or to book a place please contact Mary Shirley, maryroseshirley@gmail.com or phone 07910605984