

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We gallop towards the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. To complete the Easter season there is the celebration of the Lord Jesus, when he ascends into heaven and promises that he will send someone in return. He refers to this person as an advocate and that is what the Holy Spirit is for us. He is the Risen Lord Jesus returned to us as the Holy Spirit so that he can be with all people and plead their cause. It is said in scripture when we are on trial for our faith it is the Holy Spirit who will help us to say what is good and necessary.

This weekend is the appeal for Ukraine by the Archdiocese. Please give as generously as you are able in the retiring collection. Some dioceses have plans to use old or empty church houses as centres for refugees and they are looking to help both home and abroad.

We are pleased to see that our Children's Liturgy is again up and running at the 10 a.m. Mass. Thank you to all organisers and catechists! Please note that it is not compulsory that the children are accompanied by their parents, only if it is felt necessary.

Please remember in your prayers Christine McKenna who's Requiem took place this week. Also please pray for Felix Fitzpatrick and Mariya Babu who died very recently. We think of all their family and friends who miss them greatly. May the prayers of our community be a comfort to them! God grant all our faithful departed eternal rest!

Keep well and 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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**Sunday 15th May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Readings Year C**

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom, to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 15th May Vigil Mass for Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	People of the Parishes Tom Riley
Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter		8.30 am 10.00am	Private Intention Michael Thompson
Wednesday 18th May	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Healing Mass for Joseph Adoration In Honour of Our Lady
Friday 20th May		10.00am	Healing Mass for Joseph
Saturday 21st May Vigil Mass for Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	Felix Fitzpatrick Healing Mass for Joseph
Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter		8.30am 10.00am	Cath Bagnall People of the Parishes

Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 – 11.30 am.
At Ashley before Saturday evening Mass.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christine McKenna, Felix Fitzpatrick, and Mariya Babu, and remember their family and friends in your prayers.

Requiem Mass for Felix Fitzpatrick will take place at Our Lady & St John the Baptist R.C. Church, Ashley on Friday 27th May at 12 Noon. Reception into Church on Thursday 26th May at 5.30pm.

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 Ivy - Mae who is to be baptised this weekend and family in your prayers.

Ukraine Appeal: If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please donate online via www.justgiving.com/campaign/aobukrainianappeal (a QR code linking to the JustGiving page is also attached below or available in the porch.



Readers at Ashley:	14.05.22: S. Mckenna	21.05.22: H. Brown
Reading at Clayton:	15.05.22: 7pm C. Pover	22.05.22: 7pm S, Sammons
Reading at Clayton:	15.05.22: 8.30 am A. Capper	22.05.22: 8.30am M. Anderson
Reading at Clayton:	15.05.22: 10am M. Hughes	22.05.22: 10am B. Tierney
Counting at Clayton:	15.05.22: Walker Team 3	Second Collection: Hagan
Counting at Clayton:	22.05.22: Thompson/Boylan Team 4	
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 15.05.22: Group 1	W/C 22. 05.22 Group 2
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	May: P. & C. Quinlan	June: A. & J. Capper
Children's Liturgy:	15.05.22: 1st Leader Claire L 2nd Leader Natalie	22.05.22. 1st Leader Michelle 2nd Leader Catherine
Altar Flowers:	Clayton: 15.05.22: J. Goodall 22.05.22: R. Hartley	Ashley: 14.05.22: C. Quinlan 21.05.22: H. Brown

Safeguarding: If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding, please contact either: The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator: 0121 230 6240 or the Parishes Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Kate Hagan 01782 613023. Protecting children and vulnerable adults from harm is our priority.

Volunteers needed to join the Counting Rota at Clayton: Further volunteers would be welcomed to join our counting teams. Please contact the office if you can help

Volunteer needed to transport a parishioner to and from the 10am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Marriage Notification: Harrison Riddle and Rosina Bloor would like to announce their intention to marry on Saturday 3rd September 2022.