

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The year moves on very quickly and already we find ourselves at half-term. If you are people able to take a break rather than finding yourselves both working and child-minding then you are blessed in that it indeed becomes a time of rest. The seventh day of creation is called the day of rest, and its meaning is as it says on the tin, but also the time to find ourselves and re-establish God in our lives.

This week the school Mass was dedicated to Grandparents. The church was full as we celebrated their importance and their love for their children and in particular their grandchildren. Their significance cannot be over-estimated. They help the rest of the family to find some rest and they can be the greatest inspiration to faith within their children and particularly their grandchildren. Another important role is when they pray for their loved ones and then are there for them. God bless Grandparents and the rest in the Lord that they provide.

It has been a very stormy week and it has delayed the completion of the church roof, but we are getting there as work was able to restart these last couple of days. Thank you again for all the contributions as we are close to half way. It will make a big difference moving forward and keeping our buildings in good order for the times ahead.

The weekend is stormy so take care of yourselves. Keep warm and look after one another.

God bless and keep you in his care!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

**Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton**

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Sixth Sunday of the Year  
Sunday Readings Year A, Weekday Readings Cycle Two**

**The Angelus**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto  
Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to  
thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

Let us pray:  
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy  
grace into our hearts,  
that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy  
Son  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6.00 pm		Philomena Barrington
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Derek Hulse
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>		10.00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>		10.00 am	Marie Lewis
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle</b>		10.00 am	The Regan Family, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am
<b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	6.00 pm		Michael Riley
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes The Rosary – for peace in the world Tom Ryan

**Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 – 11.30 am. At Ashley Saturday's 5.25 pm – 5.45 pm.**

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! Including: Margaret Boden, Mary Gregory, Michael Somers, Kathleen Rouffet, Louise and Dee Dutton.

Please keep Ralph in your prayers; he is to be baptised on Sunday.

**Our Lady & St Werburgh Roof Fund: The total cost will be £36,180.**

If you are able to make a donation please hand it to Father Anton.

If you are a taxpayer and would like to GiftAid your donation there are envelopes available in the porch, or ask at the parish office.

**Total raised so far £11,800 and we have pledges for £5,600 yet to come in – thank you!**

**Christians against Poverty.** We are holding a special service at 10.30 am on 23rd Feb at Ashley Methodist church which is aimed at letting people know what CAP does and how it works in communities - debt, life skills, addictions, job support. If you or any of our friends at your churches have an interest in hearing about CAP you would be made most welcome.

**Clayton Cleaning Rota: TWO VOLUNTEERS** needed please. ONE to clean the Upper Room, at times to be arranged, and ONE person to offer to join Group 2 rota to vacuum the church carpet only! This would be on a Thursday or Friday morning every 6 weeks. Please contact Sharon in the parish office.

**St Dominic's Reunion:** Calling all old girls from St Dominic's High School, Stoke. There is a reunion being held from 7.30pm on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March at Porthill Park Cricket Club. Please feel free to bring photos, memorabilia etc.

**BISHOP DAVID MCGOUGH – GOLDEN JUBILEE:** On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, our area bishop, Bishop David will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. There will be a special Mass at 2pm at Sacred Heart, Tunstall on that day. All priests of the deanery are very welcome to concelebrate and there is a wider invitation to all parishioners to attend and to join with Bishop David on this special occasion.

#### Diary Dates

Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> March	First Forgiveness 7pm in Church
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish AGM after 10am Mass

**Through Lent With St Matthew - The Year of the Word:** An Opportunity to enter deeply in the Gospel of St Matthew with Father Julian Green, Father Michael Glover, and Deacon Sean Gough. On 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> March, and 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 pm – 9.00pm. Sessions to take place at St Catherine's Room (Parish Room) Our Lady and St Peter in Chains, 106 Hartshill Road, ST4 7LL. (Please collect a leaflet from the back of Church)

**Lent 2020 Reflections with Laudato Si:** Sessions to take place at Coolock, Newcastle from 7.15 -8.45 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**At the Heart - Three evenings of prayer, reflection and music living out our faith and raising a family in a modern world:** The evenings will be led by Catherine McLoughlin an international speaker. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm – Marriage, 17<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – Pregnancy, 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm - Family. To take place at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Stone Road, Trent Vale ST4 6SP. (Leaflets available in the porch)

**Lent Appeal – WaterAid Jars of Change:** This year we will be supporting the charity WaterAid. Please collect your loose change throughout Lent and fill an empty jar. Labels for jars will be able next weekend.

**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 07930 658080. Protecting children and vulnerable adults from harm is our priority.