

## EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter as we celebrate the Rising of Jesus from the Dead. It is a glorious day and marks the centre of our faith. The Lord is truly risen and he is due to appear in many places all over Galilee.

We now come out of the time of Fast and Abstinence in order to take part in the joy of the Season. Remember that Easter is not just a day; it is in fact a lengthy period of Fifty Days, which culminates in the Celebration of Pentecost the Gift of the Holy Spirit. In between times we acknowledge the Lord's presence amongst us in a particular way and witness his ascension into heaven, the prelude to Pentecost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For those of you who are braving the challenges of travel I hope you have good time, a rest and rejuvenation of body, mind and soul. In a sense may you have your own resurrection!

A very big thank you to everyone who has helped over this period. As you can see with the services there are many things that have to be put in place. Thank you also to all of you for the support throughout the pandemic and the complications thrown up with restrictions and necessary re-organisations. So many people have expressed the opinion that nothing seems at all straight forward these days.

Let us continue to pray for peace in the world, especially the Ukraine! There is so much unnecessary suffering and hardship. Let us pray ardently to the Lord of the Resurrection for the power of peace beginning in the heart of every man and woman.

God bless and stay safe!

**Father Anton s.c.j.**

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

**Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton**

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord  
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
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Vigil</b>		8.00pm	Aubrey Sammons
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	9.00am	11.00am	Jane Wunderbacker People of the Parishes
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>		6.00 pm	Reception for Cath Bagnall
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		12.30 pm	Requiem Mass for Cath Bagnall
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	5.00pm	7.00 pm	Forgotten Holy Souls People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		8.30am 10.00 am	Alice Davies Frank & Lois Whitehurst
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Brenda Southern Adoration Holy Souls
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April Feast of St Catherine of Siena</b>		10.00am	Aubrey Sammons
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	5.00pm	7.00pm	People of the Parishes Nora Lloyd
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		8.30am 10.00am	Jamie Grant Maureen & John Mulrooney
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		2.00 pm	Memorial Mass for Victor Lakin

**Confessions:** At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 – 11.30 am.

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 pray for the repose of the souls of Cath Bagnall, Michael Thompson, William Fawcett (Father Stephen's Father) and Christine McKenna and remember all their families and friends in your prayers.  
Requiem Mass for Cath Bagnall is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 12.30pm. Reception into Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm.

**Gift Aid Envelopes 2022 - 2023:** Available in the porch. Please consider taking out a standing order for your offertory donations. Forms available in the porch or contact the parish office. If your circumstances have changed over the past year please let the parish office know.

Please keep Maximilian and Jessica in your prayers they are to be baptised next weekend.

<b>Readers at Ashley:</b>	<b>17.04.22: M. Hartley Easter Sunday 9am</b>	<b>23.04.22: to be confirmed 30.04.22: to be confirmed</b>
<b>Reading at Clayton:</b>	<b>24.04.22: 7pm R. Gallimore</b>	<b>01.05.22: 7pm R. McKenna</b>
<b>Reading at Clayton:</b>	<b>24.04.22: 8.30am J. Capper</b>	<b>01.05.22: 8.30am K. Lycett</b>
<b>Reading at Clayton:</b>	<b>24.04.22: 10 am M. Tierney</b>	<b>01.05.22: 10am H. Carter</b>
<b>Counting at Clayton:</b>	<b>17.04.22: H. Carter 24.04.22: Hapuarachi</b>	<b>01.05.22: Grannell</b>
<b>Church Cleaning at Clayton:</b>	<b>W/c 17.04.22: Group 2 W/c 24.04.22: Group 3</b>	<b>W/C 01.05.22: Group 4</b>
<b>Church Cleaning at Ashley:</b>	<b>April : H. Brown/J. Dunlevy</b>	<b>May: P. &amp; C. Quinlan</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<b>Clayton: 24.04.22: R. Hartley 01.05.22: S. Walker</b>	<b>Ashley:</b>
<b>Collections- thank you: GiftAid; Direct Debit: Cash &amp; Planned Giving: Total:</b>	<b>Clayton                  Ashley</b>  <b>£ 70.00                          £92.00</b> <b>£320.00                      £104.25</b> <b>£104.25                      £92.00</b>	The collections at all Easter Masses will be for your Parish Priest. (Envelopes available in the porch)

**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.

**Easter Monday Mass:** 10.00am at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle. Chief Celebrant Bishop Stephen Wright Auxilliary Bishop of Birmingham. All Welcome.

**North Staffs Walsingham Association:** Pilgrimage 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Please contact Mary Shirley for more information on 01782 633033 or email [maryroseshirley@gmail.com](mailto:maryroseshirley@gmail.com) by 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Memorial Mass for Victor Lakin:** A memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Our Lady & St Werburgh Church at 2pm. The reception will be held at the Seabridge pub afterwards. If you would like to attend the reception please contact Elizabeth Steele (Victor's daughter) on 01782 537818.