

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week our Archbishop Bernard writes to us in his pastoral letter, a timely reminder that the end of the church year is approaching. Next weekend is the Feast of Christ the King, the end of the year as well as Youth Sunday. The following week is the First Sunday of Advent, the New Year in the Liturgical life of the Church. It is also the Sunday when we have the introduction of the New Translation of the Missal. The readings may seem slightly different but how much we notice is yet to be seen and read. Thank you to all those who have sponsored the purchase of the new books.

On Friday this week our new Bishop Timothy Menezes is coming to visit our school, and our year six children are to be confirmed by him in the evening. Please note that the morning Mass on the Friday is moved forward to 9.30 a.m. We welcome Bishop Timothy and congratulate him once more on his new appointment. Please keep our children in your prayers for their special day.

Our Winter Fayre approaches. Thank you for the prizes and contributions to date. Please have a search in your cupboards for prizes and items for the stalls. Have you bought a ticket in the hope of winning the First Prize which now stands at £500. It will come in very handy for the lucky winner. There will also be another twenty or so smaller prizes to be won.

Please keep our sick and housebound in your prayers and remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Heath who died the other week. We also remember all our faithful departed who have left this life marked with the sign of faith. Please keep Ken's family in your prayers.

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***

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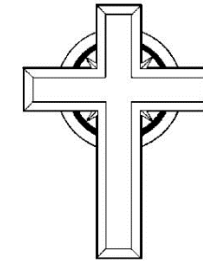
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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year  
Sunday Readings Year B  
Weekday Readings Year 2**

***EVERY DAY***

**God thinks of you.**

**Psalm 139:17**

***EVERY HOUR***

**God looks after you.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**

***EVERY MINUTE***

**God cares for you.**

**1 Peter 5:7**

***BECAUSE EVERY SECOND***

**HE LOVES YOU**

**Jeremiah 31:3**

	Ashley	Clayton	
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November Vigil Mass 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>		8.15 am 10.00 am	Gillian Gee Deceased of the Henry and O'Kane families
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>		7.15 pm	Mary Richards
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Camillus and Bernadette Fernando  Adoration George J. Dutton
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>		9.15 am	Special Intention (School Mass)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		<b>9.30 am</b> 7.00 pm	Holy Souls Confirmation Mass
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>  <b>Vigil Mass Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	6.00 pm	10.00am	Frank Brown, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am for Peace in the world  Cath & Frank Dobson
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>		8.15 am 10.00am	Ethna Walsh RIP People of the Parishes

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

Please pray for Jude who is to be baptised this Sunday, also his family and friends.

**Holy Souls Envelopes:** Envelopes are now available in the porch.

**Piety Stall: Confirmation Cards and Gifts:** Now available. **Catholic Diaries:** Now on sale £3.95. **Traditional Advent Calendars:** On sale £1.50

**Counting Teams:** Can you spare 30-45 minutes every few weeks or so to join the Counting Teams? Full training will be given.

**One Off Gift Aided Donations:** Envelopes are available in the porch for anyone wishing to make a donation to the church. There are two options available, one for existing Gift Aid Donors and one for occasional Gift Aid donors. Remember, if you are a tax payer, your donation is increased by the Government!

Readers	Saturday 6pm	<b>16.11.24:</b> S. McKenna	<b>23.11.24:</b> J. Dunlevy	<b>30.11.24:</b> R. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	<b>17.11.24;</b> R. Hartley	<b>24.11.24:</b> M. Anderson	<b>01.12.24:</b> C. Pover
Readers	Sunday 10am	<b>17.11.24:</b> S. Sony/ M. Tierney	<b>24.11.24:</b> A. Hagan/M. Hughes	<b>01.12.24:</b> <b>B. Walker/J. Somers</b>
Counting	Clayton	<b>17.11.24:</b> Walker	<b>24.11.24:</b> Hagan	<b>01.12.24:</b> <b>Hughes</b>
Cleaning	Clayton	<b>17.11.24;</b> Group 2	<b>24.11.24:</b> Group 3	<b>01.12.24:</b> <b>Group 4</b>
Cleaning	Ashley	<b>November</b>	P. & C. Quinlan	
Flowers	<b>Ashley</b>	<b>18.11.24:</b> Sue U <b>25.11.24:</b> Sue U	<b>Clayton:</b>	See Flower Rota
Children's Liturgy	<b>17.11.24:</b>	Catherine/Debbie	<b>24.11.24:</b>	Sister Geraldine/Judy
		Offertory Collections – thank you		The retiring collection next weekend is for Catholic Youth Service
Gift Aid	Clayton	£ 65.45	Ashley	£20.00
Cash	Clayton	£450.99	Ashley	£ 21.45
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£946.45	Ashley	£133.45

**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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Winter Fayre:** On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon – 2 pm. Please bring in any items for the stalls. Homemade cakes please bring on the day of the fayre with the ingredients noted down. **Raffle Tickets available today please take some.**

**Clayton Day of Adoration:** On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November starting with 9.15 am Mass with the school and finishing with Benediction at 6pm. Lists for watching and candles available.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year 2025:** On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025. To book please contact Mary Shirley on 07910605984 **by the end of November.** Under 16's half price. See poster for further details.

**Youth Group:** Our next Parish Youth Mass will be at OLSW @10am on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November - the Feast of Christ the King and also World Youth Sunday. We will have Youth Group the evening before on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 6 - 8pm, in the parish hall, for Mass preparation, prayer and free pizza! Children in Year 4 and up are all welcome. Please contact Claire O'Hara on 07929036596 for further details.

**Christmas Music with Ashley Voices and Music Choir and AMS Band:** On December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Oddfellows Hall, Ashley TF9 4LA. Light refreshments will be served. All donations in aid of Ashley Catholic Church outdoor redecoration fund. [www.ashleymusic.co.uk](http://www.ashleymusic.co.uk) tel: 01630672546