

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

School has broken up and we are all hopefully looking forward to a holiday or some sort of break. Like the words of creation, "We wish to come to the day or rest!" Ask yourself, "What is a real rest for me?" It may or may not be a physical rest, it may or may not be a mental rest, it may or may not be a spiritual rest, but it may be something that makes you feel whole again or at peace within you. Each to their own. May I simply suggest that when you experience that moment you will pause and say to yourself, "Thank you God for the good things and help me when the challenges come. May I always feel at peace with the Lord, myself and others!"

As school term ends, we say goodbye to our head of school Mrs Wilson and several other members of staff who have served us, some over a good number of years. We wish them all well in their new lives ahead and thank them for their service to the parish, parish school and community of St Werburgh.

It is a fortnight ago that we had our Summer Fayre which was blessed with good weather. Over £2000 was raised which will go to supporting parish and parish school. Thank you to all who took part helping with organising and on the day. Thank you also to all who were able to attend. These are wonderful community moments when generosity is shared and friendships strengthened. Again, many thanks!

We have a couple of interesting Feast Days this week. On Thursday it is Saint Bridget the patron of Europe when we are asked to say prayers for Europe as a whole. Saturday is the Feast of Saint James, the first martyr among the apostles and favoured by being present at the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane!

Take care, enjoy the holidays and give thanks to God for the good things in life and ask him to help you with the challenges that we all face from time to time.

God bless and keep safe on any journeys!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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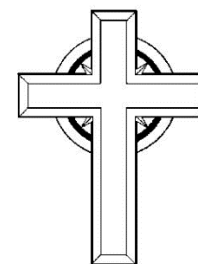
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Sunday 19th July 2026
Sixteenth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year A
Weekday Readings Year 2

Prayer of the Sacred Heart

**Sacred Heart of Jesus,
form my heart in Your love,
that my life may reflect
Your mercy and peace.**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 18th July Vigil Mass for Sunday Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	P. K. Devasia John Goodwin RIP
Tuesday 21st July		7.15 pm	Marie Molloy RIP
Wednesday 22nd July Feast of St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm 7.15 pm	10. 00 am	Holy Mass Adoration John & Margaret Wood Anniversary
Thursday 23rd July Feast of St Bridget		10.00 am	Holy Mass
Friday 24th July		10.00am	Holy Mass
		11.30 am	Funeral Service for Marie Molloy
Saturday 25th July Feast of St James Vigil Mass Seventeenth Sunday	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass, followed by Adoration Dee Dutton RIP
Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday		8.15 am 10. 00am	People of the Parishes Jeff Beardmore 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 Mason and Aston in your prayers they are to be baptised this weekend,

“VERITAS” REUNION

St Dominic's High school for girls Hartshill. If you attended please come along to Holy Trinity community centre September 26th 1pm till 3 pm. Refreshments. Shared buffet.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: Mass for the cause of the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Celebrant Father Julian Booth BA STB. On Thursday 30th July at 7.30 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Hall Lane, Swynnerton, ST15 0RA. Refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.

Confirmation Preparation Classes – for children not attending Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary School. Please can parents contact the parish office. Classes will begin in September.

Parish Picnic: On Sunday 13th September after 10am Mass.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	18.07.26 S. McKenna	25.07.26 H. Brown	01.08.26 J. Dunlevy
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	19.07.26 M. Hill	26.07.26 C. Dibie	02.08.26 M. Corrigan
Readers	Sunday 10 am	19.07.26 A. Goodall/ M. Tierney	26.07.26 T. Gauvin/ M. Hughes	02.08.26 S. Sony/ C. O'Hara
Counting	Clayton	19.07.26 Eggington/ Beardmore	26.07.26 Whitehurst/ Machin	02.08.26 Grannell
Cleaning	Clayton	19.07.26 Group 4	26.07.26 Group 5	02.08.26 Group 6
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	July S. & L. Mifflin	August M. Heath & D. Griffiths	
Flowers	Ashley 20.07.26 27.07.26	Hazel Hazel	Clayton 19.07.26 26.07.26	Rosalind Helen
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections 25th July Ashley Building Fund			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£111.13	Ashley	£55.00
Cash	Clayton	£261.45	Ashley	£ 4.05
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£802.58	Ashley	£151.05
Apostleship of the Sea		£135.96	Ashley	£14.30
Tap & Go May & June	Clayton Gift Aid Cash	£346.00 £105.00		

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.

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