

THE SOLEMN FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI YEAR C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we congratulate our children who last weekend and this will have for the first time received Holy Communion, we also celebrate the wonderful Feast of Corpus Christi. The words simply mean "The Body of Christ." Holy Communion is a most wonderful sacrament because it is the constant relationship we are able to have with Jesus. He is here forever throughout our lives, not only spiritually but physically.

For the above reason our times and opportunities to be at Mass are so wonderful and so important in regard to our journey through life. The Body of Christ is food for our journey and that journey only ends in the next life, the life of the Resurrection in Heaven. By attending Mass we proclaim this reality.

This brings me to the consideration of our Sunday Masses and Mass times. As a temporary measure I have been celebrating an extra Mass on Saturday evenings so that we can study the numbers and needs of both Clayton and Ashley. Numbers at Mass are relatively low. So from the first Sunday in August we will return to the times of Masses that were in place before Covid.

The Masses will be Saturday 6 p.m. at Ashley and Sunday 8.15 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Clayton. There will no longer be an evening Mass at Clayton on Saturday. The 8.15 Mass at Clayton on Sunday will continue to be a distanced (the cords at the end of the benches will remain in place) and people will be encouraged to wear masks and keep a distance from one another.

In the meantime we prepare for our summer with Fayres and Feast Days. Let us pray for peace in the world especially the Ukraine. And a big thank you to those who prepared and led the Taize Evening of prayer for peace in the Ukraine. It was a beautifully meditative and prayerful event. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

In the meantime keep safe and well!

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 19th June 2022
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday Readings Year C**

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 18th June Vigil Mass for Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	People of the Parishes Maureen and John Mulrooney
Sunday 19th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ		8.30 am 10.00am	Special Intention Jean McHugh
Wednesday 22nd June Feast of Ss John Fisher, and Thomas More		10.00am	Mac and Stella McDermott
Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration Aubrey Sammons
Thursday 23rd June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist		10.00 am	Brenda Southern
Friday 24th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		10.00 am	Healing Mass for Joseph
Saturday 25th June Vigil Mass for Sunday 13th Sunday of the Year	12 Noon -5pm 5.00pm	7.00 pm	Ashley Day of Adoration Tom Riley and Philomena Barrington People of the Parishes
Sunday 26th June 13th Sunday of the Year		8.30 am 10.00 am	Anthony Harrison Charles and Mary Henry RIP

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

Please keep Lyra and Luna who are to be baptised this weekend and family in your prayers.

Ashley Day of Adoration: On Saturday 25th June from 12 Noon – 5pm. Mass will follow at 5pm.

List for watching 2 people at each time slot please.

List to donate a Candle in the porch: £3.50 each

Stockwood House Group: There will be a meeting on Monday 27th June at 8pm at 29 Stockwood Road, Seabridge. All are welcome. Please phone 634483 if you would like to attend.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ – Silver Jubilee of their Missionary presence in the UK. Mass will be held on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at Sacred Heart Parish Hanley ST1 3DB. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley. All welcome.

Readers at Ashley:	18.06.22: C. Byrne	25.06.22: H. Brown
Reading at Clayton: 7.00pm	19.06.22: C. Pover	26.06.22: S. Sammons
Reading at Clayton: 8.30 am	19.06.22: K. Lycett	26.06.22: M. O'Hagan
Reading at Clayton: 10 am	19.06.22: M. O'Brien	26.06.22: M. Tierney
Counting at Clayton:	19.06.22: Grannell	Second Collection: Hagan
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Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 19.06.22: Group 1	W/c 26.06.22: Group 2
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	June: A. & J. Capper	July: A. Wilson & S. Urquhart
Children's Liturgy:	12.06.22: 1st Leader Claire B 2nd Leader Francois	26.06.22: 1st Leader Mary 2nd Leader Michelle
Altar Flowers:	Clayton: 26.06.22: S. Walker 03.07.22: C. Pover	Ashley: 18.06.22: C. Quinlan 25.06.22: C. Quinlan
Collections thank you:	Clayton	Ashley
Gift Aid:	£118.00	
Direct Debit:	£320.00	£92.00
Cash & Planned Giving:	£381.48	
Total:	£819.48	£92.00

Summer Fayre - Saturday 25th June from 1– 3pm: Please come along and support this important fundraiser for our school and parish. There will be plenty of entertainment for all the family. Tea and coffee will be served in the parish hall.

Donations for Stalls: Donations of nearly new toys, books, toiletries, bottles, bric a brack, chocolates are needed, Please bring to Church and leave items in the porch by Friday.

Cake Stall: Please bring cakes on the day of the fayre and please fill in an allergen sheet noting down the ingredients. **(Sheets available in the porch)**

Raffle Tickets: Please return all raffle ticket stubs and monies to Church by Friday.

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.

Barbecue: To be held on Sunday 10th July at St Werburgh's following 10am Mass. All proceeds will go to the Ukraine Fund.