

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend is the next to the last week of the Church Year. The Feast of Christ the King follows as the last Sunday before the Church New Year and the beginning of Advent. Christ the King is traditionally Youth Sunday and we celebrate by having our young people take over the parts of the liturgy where permitted and within their capacity. It is always heart warming to see them take more central roles within the life of the church. Please pray for them and their futures.

As we speak of Youth Sunday we notice that a group of our young people have gone to Alton Castle, the Diocesan Retreat Centre. I trust they will have a great time and will come back inspired by the event. Once more keep them and their helpers in your prayers.

As Advent approaches it is good to give a little thought as to what you might do to prepare spiritually for the great day of the Birth of Christ. There are many enjoyable secular sides to this great feast. On the other hand the deep spiritual significance is a thing not to be missed. During Advent we are called to fast and pray, making a little sacrifice in order to feel the deep warmth of the arrival of the Infant Jesus into our world. Advent is a mini Lent!

This coming Tuesday is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is taken to the temple and her life dedicated to God so that she can become the mother of our saviour, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Later on the 8th of December we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, another great liturgical celebration of the Mother of God to be!

Please continue your prayers this November for the faithful departed. It is not too late to hand in a list of family members and friends to be brought daily to the altar for the remainder of November. Pray especially for the repose to the soul of Mary Richards and keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Please note we are collecting for the Winter Fayre. Thank you for the donation to date. Please keep them coming. The Fayre takes place Saturday December 2nd 12noon to 2 p.m. The first prize in the raffle is £500, a useful amount for Christmas ahead. Raffle tickets are available after Masses this and next weekend.

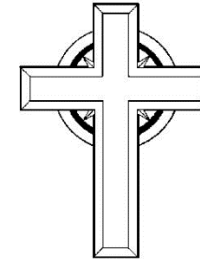
Stay safe and well, God bless!

Father Anton s.c.j.

**6Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley
and
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton**
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[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]

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**Sunday 19th November 2023
Thirty Third Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year A**

**Prayer for Holy Souls
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 18th November Vigil Mass 33rd Sunday	6 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 19th November 33rd Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Mary Richards Ethna Walsh
Monday 20th November		7. 00 pm	Mass for the Area Pastoral Council
Tuesday 21st November		7.15 pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22nd November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Private Intention Adoration Felix Fitzpatrick RIP
Thursday 23rd November		9.15 am	Holy Souls (School Mass)
Friday 24th November		10.00 am	Mick Thompson and deceased of the Thompson family
Saturday 25th November Vigil Mass Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.00 pm	10.00am	Camillus and Bernadette Fernando People of the Parishes
Sunday 26th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		8.15 am 10.00am	Mary Richards Christine Harding

Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 -11.30 am. 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.

Holy Souls Envelopes: You are invited to write down the names of those you would especially like to remember, or if you would like to enclose a donation towards a Mass for Holy Souls please put in the envelope marked **November List of the Dead**. The envelopes will be brought up to the altar at each Mass. If you wish to have a Mass said for someone in particular, please put your Mass offering and name in the envelopes marked **November Mass Offering**.

Winter Fayre – Saturday 2nd December 12 Noon – 2pm:

We are in need of raffle prizes for the main raffle. **(Raffle Tickets available in the porch)**
Donations for the stalls (bric a brac, toiletries, books, toys)
Cakes for the cake stall **(please note down all ingredients when sending in homemade cakes)**

Readers	Saturday 6pm	18.11.23: J. Allbutt	25.11.23: C. Byrne	02.12.23: R. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	19.11.23: M. O'Hagan	26.11.23: S. Sammons	03.12.23: C. Pover
5Readers	Sunday 10am	19.11.23: B. Walker/M. Hughes	26.11.23: B. Tierney/J. Somers	03.12.23: L. Machin/H. Carter
Counting	Clayton	19.11.23: Thompson/Carter	26.11.23: Egginton 2 nd Collection: Hagan	03.12.23: Whitehurst/ Machin
Cleaning	Clayton	19.11.23: Group 5 & 5b	26.11.23: Group 1	03.12.23: Group 2
Cleaning	Ashley	November	P & C. Quinlan	
Flowers	Ashley	20.11.23: Sue U 27.11.23: Sue U	Clayton: 19.11.23: Catherine 26.11.23: Rosalind	
Children's Liturgy	Clayton	19.11.23: 26.11.23:	Catherine Natalie	Debbie Claire H
		Offertory Collections – thank you	The retiring collection next weekend is for the Catholic Youth Service	
Gift Aid	Clayton	£135.00	Ashley	£37.00
Cash	Clayton	£306.13	Ashley	£22.40
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£871.13	Ashley	£151.40

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 concern.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSKHOP: At Our Lady & St Werburgh's Church beginning Saturday 18th November from 10:30am to 12:30 running every Saturday until Christmas then resuming in the New Year.

Youth Mass: Our next Youth Mass will be at OLSW @10am on Sunday 26th November - the Feast of Christ the King and also World Youth Sunday. A number of our young people will have been on retreat at Alton Castle the weekend before, so this time we will not meet on Saturday evening. Please could any children (Year 4 and above), who would like to take part in the Mass, please meet in the hall at 9:30am. There will be a second collection for the Kenelm Youth Trust, our Diocesan Youth Service.

CAFOD: World Gifts brochures available in the porch.