

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now firmly in the season of Easter, the fifty days of celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Let us rejoice and be of positive mind as we celebrate his wonder of love for humanity.

Last week saw the introduction of the new Mass times enabling Ashley to re-instate its Mass of Sunday obligation, celebrated the evening before at 5 p.m. Please note that the Clayton Mass is now at 7 p.m. on Saturday along with the two morning Masses at 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our Masses are our constant celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He is always before us!

Congratulations to all the children who this weekend along with their families celebrated a preparation Mass for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and their families that faith in the Risen Jesus will support them all the days of their lives, helping them personally and giving them the grace and strength to help others in these challenging times.

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Vic Lakin. His family have arranged a memorial Mass to take place this Tuesday. If anyone wishes to join the family afterwards then please ring the number provided in this newsletter.

On Friday May 6th we have our Confirmation Mass which will take place at Holy Trinity, hopefully for this one year only. It enables us to cope with the extra places needed for the numbers involved. I would like to thank Father Paul and the parish for being so kind as to host us for our special event.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter services and preparation of the churches. As usual a wonderful job was done and our celebrations were very prayerful.

Meanwhile stay safe and 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 1st May 2022
Third Sunday of Easter
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
Saturday 30th April Vigil Mass for Sunday	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	People of the Parishes Nora Lloyd
Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter		8.30 am 10.00am	Jamie Grant Maureen and John Mulrooney
Tuesday 3rd May Feast of Ss Philip and James		2.00 pm	Memorial Mass for Victor Lakin
Wednesday 4th May Feast of the English Martyrs	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10. 00am	Michael Thompson Adoration John Emery
Friday 6th May		10.00am	Special Intention
Saturday 7th May Vigil Mass for Sunday	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	George Dutton Lilian and Frank Thomas
Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter		8.30am 10.00am	Rosemary Davies People of the Parishes

Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 – 11.30 am.
At Ashley before Saturday evening 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 the repose of the soul of Christine McKenna and remember her family and friends in your prayers. Requiem Mass for Christine is on Friday 13th May at 11am at St Werburgh's.

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 Aarush who is to be baptised this weekend and family in your prayers.

Memorial Mass for Victor Lakin: A memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday 3rd 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.

Lenten Appeal – Mary's Meals/WaterAid: Please return all donations to Church as soon as possible.

Readers at Ashley:	30.04.22: C. Byrne	07.05.22: J. Dunlevy
Reading at Clayton:	01.05.22: 7pm R. McKenna	08.05.22: 7pm M. Larkin
Reading at Clayton:	01.05.22: 8.30 am K. Lycett	08.05.22: 8.30am M. O'Hagan
Reading at Clayton:	01.05.22: 10am H. Carter	08.05.22: 10am B. Walker
Counting at Clayton:	01.05.22: Grannell Team 1	
Counting at Clayton:	08.05.22: Hughes Team 2	Second Collection: Hagan
Church Cleaning at Clayton:	W/c 01.05.22: Group 4	W/C 08.05.22: Group 5 & 5b
Church Cleaning at Ashley:	May: P. & C. Quinlan	June: A. & J. Capper
Children's Liturgy:	01.05.22: 1st Leader Debbie 2nd Leader Claire B	08.05.22. 1st Leader Su 2nd Leader Anne
Altar Flowers:	Clayton: 01.05.22: S. Walker 08.05.22: C. Pover	Ashley: 30.04.22: S. Urquhart 07.05.22: C. Quinlan

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.

Volunteers needed to join the Counting Rota at Clayton: Further volunteers would be welcomed to join our counting teams. The teams, usually two people each week, count the weekly offertory, record the gift aid income and prepare it for banking. Full training will be given. We work on a rota basis to hopefully lighten the load for everyone.

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank: Thank you to parishioners and Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary school for all your recent donations. We collected 29kg of food that was delivered over Easter. Please bring any donations to Church and leave in the porch.