

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having returned from my retreat somewhat refreshed I would like to thank Bishop Timothy Menezes and Father John Waters for covering the weekend Masses. Both enjoyed being with you and expressed it in their emails. We look forward to seeing Bishop Timothy again when we celebrate Confirmation for year 6 here at St Werburghs. Confirmation is a firming up of our baptisms, the promises made there for our children, and the promises that they now take on for themselves. Symbolically the young men become Deacons in the Lord's service, and the young ladies are seen as Brides of Christ, ready to love Christ and serve his people.

May I remind both parishes about the Deanery Meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm in the hall at Holy Trinity. Everyone who takes some role in the life of the parish is asked to be present to both learn and to share thoughts about the way ahead.

December 24<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the Church's Jubilee Year, a year of Reconciliation and Forgiveness, a time for all Catholics to renew and deepen their faith. Let us begin by praying now for its success as the year unfolds.

The parish has decided to purchase a defibrillator at a cost of £800. I have already received a promised contribution of £300 and ask if anyone would like to make a further donation towards the remaining cost. They are very much in vogue and considered to be part of social need in this day and age.

It will soon be November, and it is the time to take stock and remember to offer prayers and Masses for our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Envelopes will soon be available to register prayer for the deceased and to arrange for Masses to be said for the repose of their souls. The month of November begins with All Saints and All Souls, following on one day after the other. All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Meanwhile take care and let us remember one another in our prayers!

God bless,

**Father Anton s.c.j.**

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

***Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

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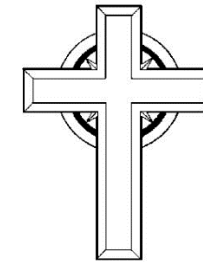
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**Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Twenty- Ninth Sunday of the Year  
Sunday Readings Year B  
Weekday Readings Year 2**

**Live Simply prayer**

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share,  
a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God,  
You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us  
may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice,  
You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors  
your wisdom.  
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice  
crumble and those now crushed are set free.  
Amen.

	Ashley	Clayton	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October Vigil Mass</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	6.00 pm		Mass
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>		8.15 am 10.00 am	Private Intention People of the Parishes
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>		<b>10.00 am</b>	Andrew Bancewicz RIP
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	For our young people Adoration Peace in our time
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>		9.15 am	Mass with the school
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		10.00 am	Deceased of the Cunningham family
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Vigil Mass 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	6.00 pm	10.00am	Mary Richards Mass followed by Adoration until 11am for Peace in the World.  People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>		8.15 am 10.00am	Mary Richards (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Joseph and Gladys Mason

**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.

**North Staffs Vocations Promotions Group:** An evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations led by Father Michael Miners. On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7.00 pm. At St Wulstan's Church.

**Journey in Faith:** Journey in Faith will start on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 8pm in the upper room. All very welcome. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

#### **CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal**

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life:** "There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	19.10.24: R. McKenna	26.10.24: L. Mifflin	02.11.24: J. Allbutt
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	20.10.24: R. Hartley	27.10.24: K. Lycett	03.11.24: M. O'Hagan
Readers	Sunday 10am	20.10.24: L. Machin/H. Carter	27.10.24: M. Larkin/ A. Goodall	03.11.24: A. Capper/J. Capper
Counting	Clayton	20.10.24: Thompson/Carter	27.10.24: Egginton	03.11.24: Whitehurst/Machin
Cleaning	Clayton	20.10.24: Group 3	27.10.24: Group 4	03.11.24: Group 5 & 5b
Cleaning	Ashley	October	H. Brown/J. Dunlevy	
Flowers	<b>Ashley</b>	21.10.24: Sue M 28.10.24: Sue M 04.11.24: Chris	<b>Clayton:</b>	
Children's Liturgy	<b>20.10.24:</b>	Natalie/Claire H		
				The retiring collection 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> November is for the Johnson Association
Gift Aid	Clayton	Not Available	Ashley	£30.00
Cash	Clayton	Not Available	Ashley	£19.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton		Ashley	£141.00

**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](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.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment experiences all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience. To find out more or book an experience: Go to [WWME.org.uk](http://WWME.org.uk) There is a weekend coming up soon in November / December **29 November - 1 December at The Ibis Hotel, Rugby**

**Winter Fayre:** On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon – 2 pm. Raffle prizes are needed for the main raffle and items for the stalls.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025.** For further information visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes).