

CHRIST THE KING YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The last Sunday of the year has arrived. The Feast of Christ the King let's us know that Jesus is also God, one of the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. As King he is no ordinary person, rather the God in all his glory and power. Despite humanity putting him on the cross, he returns no longer vulnerable to the whims of humanity. He is both Lord and judge of the universe. To him we kneel and bow for he comes in majesty.

It is also Youth Sunday, and we welcome our young people as they conduct the various parts of our Eucharistic Celebration at the 10 a.m. Mass. Thank you to all our team who look after our youth and their events.

Congratulations to all our year six pupils who were confirmed on Friday. Thank you to our New Bishop Tim Menezes who presided over the ceremony. Thank you to all school staff and catechists who prepared them for this special occasion. Thank you to all who help prepare the church and the event in various ways. May the gift and strengthening of God's the Holy Spirit within us, help us to be better people in the sight of God and one another.

This Thursday is a Day of Adoration. It will begin with morning Mass and run through the day until 6 p.m. finishing with Benediction. If you are able, please to sign up for a half hour slot to be an oversee of the Blessed Sacrament, joining in silent prayer for peace in the world, there is a list at the back of church.

Next week, the first Sunday of Advent, we have the introduction of the New Missal. You probably will not notice too many differences by some will strike you as time goes on. Thank you to all who felt able to sponsor the new books, it is greatly appreciated in these financially demanding times. The church celebrates its New Year, the start of its calendar of events all over again.

Please note a bit of Festive Fun next Saturday. The Winter Fayre takes place 12 noon to 2 p.m. There are many stalls and things to entertain us. Thank you to all who come along to support the Parish and Parish School. Who will be the lucky winner of the First Raffle prize of £500!?

Again your continued prayers for the those who are sick and/or in hospital. Please continue to pray for Ken Heath along with his family and friends. We remember him and all our faithful departed this month of November.

Take care, keep warm and watch out for those you think may be vulnerable.

God bless

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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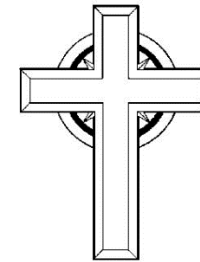
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Sunday 24th November 2024

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday Readings Year B

Weekday Readings Year 2

EVERY DAY

God thinks of you.

Psalm 139:17

EVERY HOUR

God looks after you.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

EVERY MINUTE

God cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

BECAUSE EVERY SECOND

HE LOVES YOU

Jeremiah 31:3

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 23rd November Vigil Mass Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.00 pm		Cath and Frank Dobson
Sunday 24th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		8.15 am 10.00 am	Ethna Walsh RIP People of the Parishes
Tuesday 26th November		7.15 pm	Paul Yates RIP
Wednesday 27th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Holy Souls Adoration Holy Souls
Thursday 28th November Day of Adoration		9.15 am 6.00 pm	Frank McClellan (School Mass) Benediction
Friday 29th November		11.00 am	Barbara Riley RIP 1 st Anniversary
Saturday 30th November Feast of St Andrew Vigil Mass 1st Sunday of Advent	6.00 pm	10.00am	Philip Kennedy RIP, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am for Peace in the world People of the Parishes
Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent		8.15 am 10.00am	Philip, Bidy and Susan Corrigan Jacob

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

Clayton Day of Adoration: On Thursday 28th November starting with 9.15 am Mass with the school and finishing with Benediction at 6pm. Lists for watching and candles available.

Winter Fayre: On Saturday 30th November 12 noon – 2 pm. Please bring in any items for the stalls. Homemade cakes please bring on the day of the fayre with the ingredients noted down.
Raffle Tickets available today please take some and return to Church by Friday morning.

Counting Teams: Can you spare 30-45 minutes every few weeks or so to join the Counting Teams? Full training will be

Readers	Saturday 6pm	23.11.24: J. Dunlevy	30.11.24: R. McKenna	07.12.24: L. Mifflin
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	24.11.24: M. Anderson	01.12.24: C. Pover	08.12.24: K. Lycett
Readers	Sunday 10am	24.11.24: A. Hagan/M. Hughes	01.12.24: B. Walker/J. Somers	08.12.24: B. Tierney/R. Gallimore
Counting	Clayton	24.11.24: Hagan	01.12.24: Hughes	08.12.24: Thompson/Carter
Cleaning	Clayton	24.11.24: Group 3	01.12.24: Group 4	08.12.24: Group 5 & 5b
Cleaning	Ashley	November December	P. & C. Quinlan A. & J. Capper	
Flowers	Ashley	25.11.24: Sue U	Clayton:	See Flower Rota
Children's Liturgy	24.11.24:	Sister Geraldine/Judy	01.12.24:	Angela/Martin
		Offertory Collections – thank you	The retiring collection this weekend is for Catholic Youth Service	The retiring collection next weekend is for Poor Parishes
Gift Aid	Clayton	£ 186.25	Ashley	£17.00
Cash	Clayton	£282.40	Ashley	£ 40.66
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£898.65	Ashley	£149.66
Tap & Go	Clayton	(October) £104.00		

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.

Christmas Music with Ashley Voices and Music Choir and AMS Band: On December 15th at 7pm in Oddfellows Hall, Ashley TF9 4LA. Light refreshments will be served. All donations in aid of Ashley Catholic Church outdoor redecoration fund. www.ashleymusic.co.uk tel: 01630672546

One Off Gift Aided Donations: Envelopes are available in the porch for anyone wishing to make a donation to the church. There are two options available, one for existing Gift Aid. Donors and one for occasional Gift Aid donors. Remember, if you are a tax payer, your donation is increased by the Government!

Gift Aid on Second Collections; 'We have been informed by the diocese that parishes may no longer claim gift on donations made in the gift aid envelopes to second collections other than for Poor Parishes fund, Cathedral Maintenance, Clergy Training and Linkline. This change has been back dated to the start of this tax year. Anyone who submits their own tax return will need to make a note of this please.'