

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the week we had the Feast Day of Mary Magdelene, a woman recognised as notorious and very disturbed, but also someone who recognised her need of the help of the Lord Jesus. Through the love of Jesus, she started a new life becoming the first person to meet the risen Lord Jesus. She became a founding member of the Christian Church, using her wealth to look to the needs of the disciples and the needs of the poor. She is a supreme example of what the love of the Lord is capable of. She reminds us that in Christ there is always hope.

This Sunday is designated as being "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly." Grandparents are often a great support to their younger family members and for many their presence and help is utterly essential in the security of family life. They help to build the Kingdom of God amongst people everywhere. Their expertise and experience are invaluable. And of course, the elderly have a wisdom given to them by the years of observation and learning.

Please continue to pray for Marie Molloy, Dee Dutton and Eileen Frost whose funerals are taking place around this time. Please also remember their family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them!

Take care during the holiday times, try and have some helpful and positive recreation and feel blessed and refreshed for the tasks ahead.

God bless and keep you safe!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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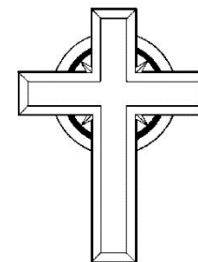
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Sunday 26th July 2026

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

Morning Offering

***O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer you
all my prayers, thoughts, works and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your most Sacred Heart.***

O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

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	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 25th July Vigil Mass for Sunday Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		Dee Dutton RIP
Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	People of the Parishes Jeff Beardmore RIP
Tuesday 28th July	11. 00am	7.15 pm	Funeral Service for Dee Dutton Holy Mass
Wednesday 29th July	6.45pm 7.15 pm	10. 00 am	Holy Mass Adoration Anne Widdicombe RIP
Thursday 30th July	12.15pm		Requiem Mass for Eileen Frost
Friday 31st July		10.00am	Holy Mass
Saturday 1st August	12.30 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass (No Adoration or Confessions) Wedding Service for Andrew Menon & Georgia McNulty
Vigil Mass Eighteenth Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday		8.15 am 10. 00am	Ethna Walsh RIP Jose Mathew RIP

Confessions on Saturdays: At Clayton – 10.30 – 11.30 am. **At 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.

“VERITAS” REUNION

St Dominic’s High school for girls Hartshill. If you attended please come along to Holy Trinity community centre September 26th 1pm till 3 pm. Refreshments. Shared buffet.

Confirmation Preparation Classes – for children not attending Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary School. Please can parents contact the parish office. Classes will begin in September.

Parish Picnic: On Sunday 13th September after 10am Mass

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	25.07.26 H. Brown	01.08.26 J. Dunlevy	08.08.26 J. Allbutt
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	26.07.26 C. Dible	02.08.26 M. Corrigan	09.08.26 C. Pover
Readers	Sunday 10 am	26.07.26 T. Gauvin/ M. Hughes	02.08.26 S. Sony/ C. O'Hara	09.08.26 A. Hagan/ J. Somers
Counting	Clayton	26.07.26 Whitehurst/ Machin	02.08.26 Grannell	09.08.26 Lycett/Bullock /Corrigan
Cleaning	Clayton	26.07.26 Group 5	02.08.26 Group 6	09.08.26 Group 1
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	August M. Heath & D. Griffiths		
Flowers	Ashley 27.07.26 03.08.26 10.08.26	Hazel Sue M Sue M	Clayton 26.07.26 02.08.26 09.08.26	Helen Sujen Catherine
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections: 25.07.26 Ashley Building Fund			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£113.12	Ashley	£55.00
Cash	Clayton	£273.17	Ashley	£12.50
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£816.29	Ashley	£159.50

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.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: Mass for the cause of the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Celebrant Father Julian Booth BA STB. On Thursday 30th July at 7.30 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Swynnerton ST15 0RA. Mass followed by refreshments..All welcome.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council – North Staffs Deanery invite you to join the parishioners of The new parish of St Bernard of Clairvaux to celebrate Mass on their Patronal Feast: On Thursday 20th August at 7. 00 pm. Celebrant Father Adrian McNamara. At S. S. George and Martin, Boulton Street, Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 2NQ

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