

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is a special month when it comes to all sorts of things. As I drove down the A34 I saw the beauty of the changing colours of the trees, a special moment before the gales empty them of their autumn colour and splendour. It is also the time to remember our deceased, our loved ones, those fallen in war on Remembrance Day.

Above all November starts with the Solemn Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of obligation with special Masses, followed by Holy Souls, another day of respect and prayerfulness. Please note the changed Mass times for the half-term week and the Feast Days themselves. Lest we forget and fail to do something very special for them, through prayer and in particular the offering of Masses.

Last Tuesday it was good to see many representatives of our parishes at the Deanery gathering, hosted by Bishop Timothy, Canon Paul Father John and Father Julian. An initiative has been placed before us and for us all to take up. Please take a leaflet and read the information. You will be surprised as to just how many Masses are available over a normal weekend. You may appreciate the forward thinking that has to take place. We are the church, all of us, not simply your priests and deacons. All of us!!!

A date for your diaries, a Day of Adoration, has been set for Thursday November 28th. It will begin with school Mass and continue throughout the day, finishing with Benediction at 6 p.m. Please come and pray and exercise a mini pilgrimage to church on that day, pray for your needs and the needs of other, but above extra your love for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the very same Christ who gave his life for you and me!

Enjoy half-term week and come back refreshed.

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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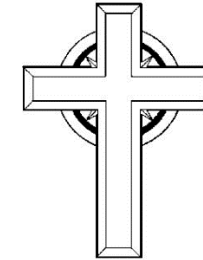
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**Sundays 27th October 2024
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2**

The Prayer of the Servant Church

**Loving Father, fill us all with your
Presence, in Jesus your Son.
May we Think with the mind of Christ
See with the eyes of Christ
Speak with the words of Christ
Serve with the hands of Christ
Love with the heart of Christ
and Live with the life of Christ
who is Our Lord for ever and ever
Amen**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 26th October Vigil Mass 30th Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 27th October 30th Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Mary Richards (1 st Anniversary) Joseph and Gladys Mason
Thursday 31st October Vigil Mass for All Saints	7.15 pm		Mass
Friday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints		10.00 am 7.15 pm	Special Intention Maureen and John Mulrooney
Saturday 2nd November The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Vigil Mass 31st Sunday		10.00am 6. 00 pm	Mass, followed by Adoration for Peace in the World Margaret Bromfield
Sunday 3rd November 31st Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Mary Richards Philomena & Alvin Barrington

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.

Please keep Nico and Luca who are to be baptised this weekend, and family in your prayers.

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

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

Holy Souls Envelopes: Envelopes are now available in the porch to have Masses said for deceased family and friends, also envelopes for the names of your deceased family and friends who will be prayed for at each Mass during November

Foodbank; Please see the updated list of current shortages on the noticeboard.

Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 12th November at Holy Trinity 12 noon. All welcome.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	26.10.24: L. Mifflin	02.11.24: J. Allbutt	09.11.24: C Bland
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	27.10.24: K. Lycett	03.11.24: M. O'Hagan	10.11.24: S. Sammons
Readers	Sunday 10am	27.10.24: M. Larkin/ A. Goodall	03.11.24: A. Capper/J. Capper	10.11.24: A. Goodall/M. O'Brien
Counting	Clayton	27.10.24: Egginton	03.11.24: Whitehurst/Machin	10.11.24: Grannell
Cleaning	Clayton	27.10.24: Group 4	03.11.24: Group 5 & 5b	10.11.24; Group 1
Cleaning	Ashley	November	P. & C. Quinlan	
Flowers	Ashley	28.10.24: Sue M 04.11.24: Chris 11.11.24: Chris	Clayton:	See Flower Rota
Children's Liturgy	27.10.24:	Half Term	03.11.24:	Half Term
				The retiring collection 2 nd /3 rd November is for the Johnson Association
Gift Aid	Clayton	£100.00	Ashley	£45.00
Cash	Clayton	£172.11	Ashley	£35.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£702.11	Ashley	£172.00

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.

Winter Fayre: On Saturday 30th 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.

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