

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Jesus Christ and members of his heavenly family,

We gather together in prayer and worship, not only for our own well-being and salvation but also to witness to those around us that the way of Christ is the way forward for the world at large. His values are those that really sustain us and can bring strength to the world. Let us live as brothers and sisters, made in the image and likeness of God.

This week we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. Walsingham is in Norfolk and has been a place of pilgrimage to Our Lady dating back to the 11th century. It reminds us that we are nearly into October the month of Our Lady. It is now time to dust off the rosaries and meditate prayerfully on the mysteries of Jesus' life. Beautiful rosaries are on sale at the back of church for just a few pounds. Treasure the rosary as a special gift for prayer.

As well as our own needs the church once more directs our attention towards the needs of the world. Two intentions are brought to our notice this week. Firstly, the plight of those desperately seeking shelter and safety, leaving homeland out of fear for their lives and those without food or water. To this end the church asks us to pray for people on the move and to remember Family Fast Day next weekend. Although times are financially tighter can we consider doing the widow's mite for the sake of those in need.

Next weekend is also the Parish Clean Up, Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. As well as clearing rubbish out of storerooms the grounds are full of weeds and fall out from trees and bushes. It would be helpful to bring yard brushes and hoes etc to clear pathways and weeds. Refreshments will be available, sausage rolls also I'm told, and a chance to chat with other parishioners and bring our beautiful church area up to scratch.

Meanwhile let us keep one another in our prayers and remember those in need throughout the world.

God bless and keep safe in the care of the Lord Jesus!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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No 234216*

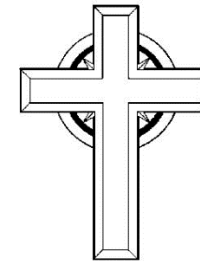
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Sunday 27th September 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

Morning Prayer

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

We are the people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

Eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Glory be to the Father ...

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 26th September Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty- Sixth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		Anne Widdecombe RIP
Sunday 27th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	People of the Parishes Jose Mathew RIP
Tuesday 29th September Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael		7.15 pm	Holy Mass
Wednesday 30th September	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 1st October		9.15 am	Holy Mass with the School
Friday 2nd October		10.00 am	Holy Mass
Saturday 3rd October Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm	10.00am	Holy Mass followed by Adoration People of the Parishes
Sunday 4th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Justin Kent RIP Chris Cahill RIP

Confessions on Saturdays: Ashley before 6pm Mass. Clayton 10.30 – 11.30 am

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.

Toddler Group at St Werburgh's: Every Wednesday term time 9.15 am – 11 am in the parish hall. All welcome.

Journey In Faith: On Tuesday 8pm in the upper room. All welcome to attend.

Ashley Parish Harvest Supper: On Friday 16th October 7pm in Oddfellows Hall. Two course hot meal for £5. All proceeds to Christian Aid. All welcome. Tickets on sale from Hazel.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

The Family Fast Day parish collection on 3 and 4 October will support people experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can help children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school, by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Please use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you for your support.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	26.09.26 S. McKenna	03.10.26 H. Brown	10.10.26 J. Bester
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	27.09.26 M. O'Hagan	04.10.26 A. Dibie	11.10.26 M. Hill
Readers	Sunday 10 am	27.09.26 T. Gauvin/ C. O'Hara	04.10.26 S. Sony/J. Somers	11.10.26 A.Hagan/ R. Gallimore
Counting	Clayton	27.09.26 Grannell	04.10.26 Lycett/ Bullock/ Corrigan	11.10.26 Hughes
Cleaning	Clayton	27.09.26 Group 2	04.10.26 Group 3	11.10.26 Group 4
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	October P. & C. Quinlan		
Flowers	Ashley 28.09.26 05.10.26 12.10.26	Chris Chris Hazel	Clayton 27.09.26 04.10.26 11.10.26	Julia Helen Sujen
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections: 03/04.10.26 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 11.10.26 Ashley Building Fund			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£109.92	Ashley	Not available
Cash	Clayton	£203.59	Ashley	
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£743.51	Ashley	
Home Mission	Clayton	£57.60		

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.

The Great Big Church Clean Up at Our Lady & St Werburgh: On Saturday 3rd October 10am- 2pm. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be served.

Kenelm Youth Trust – Programme Leader Vacancies: Kenelm Youth Trust is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our team as programme Leaders. For full details and to apply please visit: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.