

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are already a week into the summer break and I hope people are able to feel the benefit of some days of rest, just as the Lord designated Sunday as a Day of Rest, open to all good things, activities and virtues. I too look forward to a break in a few weeks.

This Sunday is "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly." So we give thanks and pray for their well-being. Many families rely on their elderly parents to help with the children, especially child minding, transportation, cover in times of sickness or general problems. Those blessed with grandparents locally can give thanks for their presence and help.

A date for your future diary! Sunday September 14th following the ten o'clock Mass we plan a parish picnic in Hanchurch Wood, which is nicely sheltered from any wind or heavy breeze. There will be a barbecue, football, cricket, tug o war and any other games people might like to bring. There will also be a bouncy castle for the young and of course a necessary Portaloo. Come and join in the fun and bring whatever food and drink you wish!

Please note that this coming week there will be no Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning Masses. The rest will be as usual. Please note that there are other Masses available in neighbouring parishes. Updates can be found on the parish websites.

We keep Anna Jones in our prayers as her funeral took place this week down south in Brighton. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!

Please continue to enjoy your breaks!

Take good care and God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

*The parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No
234216*

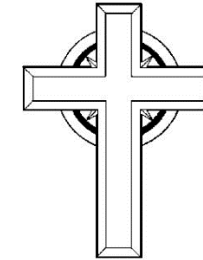
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**Sunday 28th July 2024
Seventeenth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2**

Praying for Peace

Bless those who campaign against injustice;
bless the patient rebuilders;
bless those who hope against hope
that peace with justice will prevail
in the land that we call Holy.

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 27th July Vigil Mass 17 th Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 28th July 17 th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00 am	Anna Jones RIP Walter and Constance Burke
Wednesday 31st July	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration Mass
Thursday 1st August		10.00 am	Anna Jones RIP
Friday 2nd August		10.00am	Maureen & John Mulrooney
Saturday 3rd August		10.00am 1.30 pm	Mass Wedding Service
Vigil Mass 18 th Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 4th August 18 th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Intention of Mr & Mrs Akers Deceased of the Cunningham family

Confessions at Clayton on Saturday's 10.30-11.30am. At Ashley before Saturday 6pm

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.

Newcastle Foodbank - Current shortages as at 17th July 2024: Washing Up Liquid, Deodorant, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Chocolate Bars, Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Tinned Cold Meat, Tea and Biscuits

Confirmation Preparation Classes: Please can parents of any children living in the parishes of Our Lady & St Werburgh and Our Lady & St John the Baptist, Ashley who are due to be confirmed later this year **and who are not attending St Werburgh Primary school** please contact the parish office. The preparation classes will start at the beginning of September.

Mass Intention Envelopes: Available in the porch or contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass said for deceased family and friends, or for the intentions of living family and friends.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	27.07.24: J. Allbutt	03.08.24: R. McKenna	10.08.24: J. Dunlevy
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	28.07.24: R. Hartley	04.08.24: K. Lycett	11.08.24: M. O'Hagan
Readers	Sunday 10am	28.07.24: S. Sony/M. Tierney	04.08.24: A. Hagan/M. Hughes	11.08.24: B. Walker/J. Somers
Counting	Clayton	28.07.24: Whitehurst/ Machin	04.08.24: Grannell	11.08.24: Hagan
Cleaning	Clayton	28.07.24: Group 1	04.08.24: Group 2	11.08.24: Group 3
Cleaning	Ashley	August	S. & L. Mifflin	
Flowers	Ashley	29.07.24: Sue U 05.08.24: Sue U 12.08.24: Hazel	Clayton 28.07.24: 04.08.24: 11.08.24:	Catherine Rosalind Sujen
		Offertory Collections – thank you		
Gift Aid	Clayton	£246.00	Ashley	Not Available
Cash	Clayton	£228.60	Ashley	
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£904.00	Ashley	

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.

Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary School - Vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors: The hours will be either 11.45am- 1pm or 12- 1.15pm, every week day during term time. Further details are on our school website: <https://www.ourlady-st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies>

Gift Aid: If you would like to Gift Aid your weekly donations there are forms available in the porch, or contact the parish office.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council - Annual Pilgrimage Mass at Harvington Hall. A coach will be organised for Sunday 1st September 2024.

Pick up Points:

St Augustine Meir 9.00am

Holy Trinity Newcastle 9.20 am

Cost of seats on the coach Adults £17 under 16 £10

Please bring a chair and a packed lunch.

Please contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to book a seat.