

ALL SAINTS YEAR C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with deep sadness that I must announce the passing of Father Simon Hall, the parish priest of St Teresa's Trent Vale, on Wednesday of this week. We have all been praying recently for his recovery, but as time rolled on it became apparent that his condition was even more serious than had first been thought. Our Dean, Father Paul, McNally acknowledges him as a dear friend and well loved by all who knew him. I always found him to be kind and thoughtful, with a good sense of humour, a man dedicated to Christ, the Church and his people. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and the needs of his family at this time. I will post further details about his arrangements when known. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!

It is now a time to recall that very important element of our faith, that of the Resurrection promised us by Jesus himself. Although the passing from this life is always sad and difficult for those left behind, the promise of life eternal is an important celebration which we mark this weekend with the Solemnity of "All Saints" and the following day of prayer for "All Souls." Please note the special Mass times on Monday for All Souls and the fact that All Saints has been given a very prominent place that of Sunday Worship.

November is a very special time to express our faith and the fact that we are "Pilgrims of Hope" in a world that has much need of such a virtue. During November we are called to pray daily for our deceased loved ones and to have Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Lest we forget and lest we forget to practise our faith in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, celebrated in Our Mass, Our Eucharist. If we do not pray and offer sacrifice for them in the month of November, then when will we do so?

Looking back over the past week and the celebration of our Mission, I would like to thank everyone who organised and gave their support for the varying events. It was a joyous occasion, and it brought a special spark in the life of the parish. Again, thank you to everyone who took part and thank you to the Sion team who looked after both school and parish.

I hope that half-term was a time to rest and recuperation. I managed a few days away and feel the better for it. May it have been the same for you.

God bless and may the Lord walk by your side.

Father Anton s.c.j.

Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley

and

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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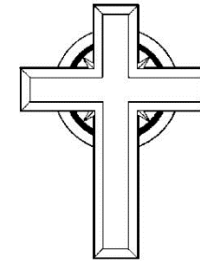
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[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]

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Sunday 2nd November 2025

Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday Readings Year C

Weekday Readings Year 1

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:

from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Simon Hall

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 1st November Vigil Mass Solemnity of All Saints	6.00 pm		George Dutton
Sunday 2nd November Solemnity of All Saints		8.15 am 10.00 am	In Memory of Philip, Biddy and Susan Corrigan People of the Parishes
Monday 3rd November The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	7.15 pm	10.00am	Speedy Recovery – Teleena Alex Deceased S.C.J. Fathers & Brothers
Tuesday 4th November		7.15 pm	Andrew Lockington
Wednesday 5th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10. 00am	Vince Bendin RIP Adoration James Clews RIP
Thursday 6th November		9.15 am	Father Simon Hall RIP
Friday 7th November		10.00am	Mr & Mrs Madej
Saturday 8th November Vigil Mass Feast of the Dedication The Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Intention of David and Holly (Wedding Day) Mass followed by Adoration Holy Souls
Sunday 9th November Feast of the Dedication The Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Ethna Walsh People of the Parishes

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.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal: Boxes are available in the porch. Please take a leaflet and check which items can be sent. Postage £5 per box. **Please return to Church by 6th November.**

Holy Souls Envelopes: You are invited to write down the names of those you would especially like to remember, or if you would like to enclose a donation towards a Mass for Holy Souls please put in the envelope marked **November List of the Dead**. The envelopes will be brought up to the altar at each Mass. If you wish to have a Mass said for someone in particular, please put your Mass offering and name in the envelopes marked **November Mass Offering**. **Envelopes will be available next weekend.**

Contactless Payment – Clayton: The contactless payment system has been upgraded. Parishioners wishing to gift aid their donations will need to register their details on the new machine but this is only required once.

Readers Saturday	6.00pm	01.11.25 J. Dunlevy	08.11.25 L. Mifflin	15.11.25 R. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	02.11.25 S. Sammons	09.11.25 M. Corrigan	16.11.25 C. Pover
Readers	Sunday 10 am	02.11.25 B. Walker/J. Somers	09.11.25 B. Tierney/R.Gallimore	16.11.25 M. Larkin/J. Parkes
Counting	Clayton	02.11.25 Hughes	09.11.25 Walker	16.11.25 Thompson /Carter
Cleaning	Clayton	W/c 02.11.25 Group 2	09.11.25 Group 3	16.11.25 Group 4
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	November P. & C. Quinlan		
Flowers Ashley	Ashley	03.11.25 Chris	10.11.25 Chris	17.11.25 Sue McK
Flowers	Clayton	02.11.25 Sujen	09.11.25 Julia	16.11.25 Helen
Offertory Collections – thank you			Retiring Collection 1 st /2 nd November is for the Johnson Association	The retiring collection 8 th November is for the Building Fund
Gift Aid	Clayton	£159.12	Ashley	£35.00
Cash	Clayton	£249.10	Ashley	£44.40
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£ 92.00
Total	Clayton	£838.22	Ashley	£171.40

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.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 11th November at Holy Trinity, Newcastle 12 Noon.

Winter Fayre Saturday 29th November from 12 Noon to 2 pm.

Raffle tickets: Now available at the back of Church.

Raffle Prizes: We would be grateful for prizes for the main raffle.

Items for Stalls: Please leave in the Church porch

North Staffs Deanery Vocations Group: Mass for Vocations and remembering our Seminarians. On Wednesday 12th November 2025 at St Wulstan Wolstanton. Adoration at 6.30 pm followed by Mass at 7.00 pm. Principal Celebrant Father John Waters.

Piety Stall: There are a selection of Confirmation cards and gifts available to purchase.