

Fourteenth Sunday Year C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the past week we celebrated the Holy Day Feast of St Peter and St Paul, two of the most prominent saints of the Church. As we remember them we pray for all our Popes, past and present along with all missionaries who have given their lives in service of the people of God, establishing communities of Christians throughout the world. St Peter was our first Pope and St Paul a wonderful preacher whose thoughts are recorded in the many letters that he wrote to people he had met and brought to the life of Christ.

Last Saturday saw our Summer Fayre take place and it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event. Over two thousand pounds was raised to be divided between Parish and Parish School. Attendance was up and the raffle had very good prizes – thank you to all those who sent in prizes and other gifts. Many were anonymously given, so thank you again.

Please pray for the soul of Doctor Joseph Happuarachi who died during the week following a long illness. Please also remember his family and friends in your prayers. Naturally we remember all our deceased members, in particular those who lost their lives at the beginning of the pandemic.

As we roll into the month of July we realise that it will soon be holiday time. There has been a great deal of pressure and problems for everyone to deal with and so let us ask the Lord to bring some relief to those under most pressure. May those ill at this moment in time experience the healing touch of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Meanwhile, take care and stay safe.

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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**Sunday 3rd July, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year C**

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom, to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 3rd July Vigil Mass for Sunday 14th Sunday of the Year	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	John (Jackie) Neal People of the Parishes
Sunday 4th July 14th Sunday of the Year		8.30 am 10.00am	Sammons and Akers Family Nick Simpkin
Wednesday 6th July St Maria Goretti		10.00 am	Mary Lukose
Friday 8th July		10.00 am	Joseph Hapuarachi
Saturday 9th July Vigil Mass for Sunday 15th Sunday of the Year	5.00 pm	7.00 pm	Alvin Barrington Stella and Mac McDermott
Sunday 10th July 15th Sunday of the Year		8.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parishes Matthew Whitehurst and Jean McHugh

Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 – 11.30 am.
At Ashley before Saturday evening Mass.

Please pray for Isabella Rose and Margo Elizabeth who are to be baptised this week.

Counting Rota at Clayton: The updated rota is now available in the porch. More volunteers would be welcome to join the rota. Please leave a message at the parish office if you can help.

Flower Rota and Cleaning Rota at Clayton - Volunteers Needed:
More volunteers are needed to join the rotas. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

An Invitation from CAFOD: We invite you to an evening meeting to learn about our new Campaign, **Fix the Food System**. The global food system is broken and it doesn't work for those who work the hardest – small farmers. It is a major driver of the climate emergency. The campaign explains what has gone wrong and what needs to be done. Please come along to Coolock Pastoral Centre Newcastle 7 – 8 pm on 14th July. All are welcome.

North Staffs Vocations Promotions Group – Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations: Led by Father Marco Egawhary on Tuesday July 19th at 7.00 pm. At St Filumena's Church, Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall ST11 9EA.

Readers at Ashley:	02.07.22: S McKenna	09.07.22: C Byrne
Reading Clayton: 7.00pm	02.07.22 R Gallimore	09.07.22 R McKenna
Reading Clayton: 8.30 am	03.07.22 S Sammons	10.07.22 M Anderson
Reading Clayton: 10 am	03.07.22 H Carter	10.07.22 B Walker
Counting Clayton:	03.07.22: Walker	10.07.22 Thompson/Carter Second Collection: Hagan
Church Cleaning Clayton:	W/c 03.07.22: Group 3	W/c 10.07.22: Group 4
Church Cleaning Ashley:	July: A Wilson & S Urquhart	August: S & L Mifflin
Children's Liturgy:	03.07.22: 1st Leader Anne 2nd Leader Su	10.07.22 1st Leader Natalie 2nd Leader Claire L
Altar Flowers:	Clayton: 10.07.22: S. Walker 17.07.22: R. Hartley	Ashley: 02.07.22: H. Brown 09.07.22: H. Brown
Collections thank you:	Clayton	Ashley
Gift Aid:	£286.50	£25.00
Direct Debit:	£350.00	£108.00
Cash & Planned Giving:	<u>£175.72</u>	<u>£13.58</u>
Total:	£812.22	£146.58
Peter's Pence	£99.55	£12.48

The Second Collection next weekend is for The Apostleship of the Sea.
Gift aid envelopes are available this weekend from the porch.

Thank you to all those parishioners who have kindly switched to standing orders for their offertory donations. Forms are available from the porch, the office or the Parishes Website in the downloads section should you wish to transfer to this method, whether gift aided or not.

Safeguarding: If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding, please contact either: The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator: 0121 230 6240 or the Parishes Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Kate Hagan 01782 613023. Protecting children and vulnerable adults from harm is our priority.

Barbecue: To be held on **Sunday 17th July** at St Werburgh's following 10am Mass. All proceeds will go to the Ukraine Appeal. **(Please note change of date)** Tickets available this weekend.

Potteries Theological Society: On Tuesday 5th July 7pm at Keele University Moser Building Room CMO.12. For further details contact Marion Thomas – hathaway.bear@btinternet.com (see poster on noticeboard)