

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Friday we celebrated the Solemn Feast of All Saints, a celebration of belief and hope in heaven where the Great Saints abide and the lesser Saints, our own beloved, all those who have led a good life and followed the narrow path. We are told that there are many rooms in the Father's House (Heaven) and we rejoice in that belief.

Saturday was also the day to remember all souls, a day when we focus on our own loved ones. We are called to pray for the faithful departed as part of our Christian duty. During November we can bring the names of people we wish to pray for up to the altar at every Mass that month. Let us all bring our lists and place them in the box at the back of the church. It is also the month when we consider offering a personal Mass for those we know have gone before us. Lest we forget!

A reminder to those among you who wish to do Journey in Faith. The first session is on Tuesday November 12th at 8 p.m. following the Mass at 7.15 p.m. in the side chapel. Journey in Faith takes place in the Upper Room which is accessible through the door linking the church to the priest's house. Ring the Linkline bell! The aim is to inform people about the church; it is for both practising Catholics, people who wish to know more about the catholic church and anyone who might be thinking of becoming a catholic in due course. There is no obligation; you can come listen and learn. No question is too grand or too humble – we will try to answer them all as best we can.

This week is bonfire night so let us enjoy the fireworks and be as safe as is possible. I am sure that there are some wonderful public displays that will be worth going to and they are normally well policed and safe.

God bless you and keep you safe in his care!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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234216*

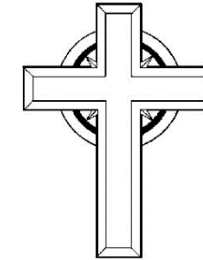
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**Sunday 3rd November 2024
Thirty-First Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2**

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 2nd November Vigil Mass 31st Sunday	6.00 pm		Margaret Bromfield
Sunday 3rd November 31st Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Mary Richards Philomena and Alvin Barrington
Tuesday 5th November		7.15 pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Repose of the soul of Mary and Jose Adoration Intention of Dee Dutton
Thursday 7th November		9.15 am	Holy Souls (School Mass)
Friday 8th November		10.00 am	Deceased members of the Ambat family
Saturday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Vigil Mass 32nd Sunday Remembrance Day	6.00 pm	10.00am	Aubrey Sammons, Mass followed by Adoration until 11am for Peace in the world People of the Parishes
Sunday 10th November 32nd Sunday Remembrance Day		8.15 am 10.00am	Enid Edwards Special Thanksgiving

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.

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

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

Piety Stall – Ashley Parish: There will be an opportunity for Ashley parishioners to buy items bought over from the piety stall at Clayton after 6pm Mass on Saturday 16th November.

Confirmation Cards and Gifts: Now available on the piety stall.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	02.11.24: J. Allbutt	09.11.24: C Bland	16.11.24: S. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	03.11.24: M. O'Hagan	10.11.24: S. Sammons	17.11.24; C. Pover
Readers	Sunday 10am	03.11.24: A. Capper/J. Capper	10.11.24; A. Goodall/M. O'Brien	17.11.24: S. Sony/M. Tierney
Counting	Clayton	03.11.24: Whitehurst/Machin	10.11.24: Grannell	17.11.24: Hagan
Cleaning	Clayton	03.11.24: Group 5 & 5b	10.11.24; Group 1	17.11.24; Group 2
Cleaning	Ashley	November	P. & C. Quinlan	
Flowers	Ashley	04.11.24: Chris 11.11.24: Chris 18.11.24: Sue U	Clayton:	See Flower Rota
Children's Liturgy	03.11.24:	Half Term	10.11.24:	Anne/Claire O
				The retiring collection 2 nd /3 rd November is for the Johnson Association
Gift Aid	Clayton	£119.25	Ashley	£70.00
Cash	Clayton	£296.38	Ashley	£ 9.40
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£845.63	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.

Winter Fayre: On Saturday 30th November 12 noon – 2 pm. Raffle prizes are needed for the main raffle and items for the stalls. Please hand prizes into the office.

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.

Johnson Association: On the weekend of 2nd /3rd November there will be the annual collection and appeal for the Johnson Association, which supports the retired and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese. Envelopes available in the porch and information leaflets.

Clayton Day of Adoration: On Thursday 28th November starting with 9.15 am Mass with the school and finishing with Benediction at 6pm