

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday was Harvest Sunday and a reminder of our gifts in life especially when we find ourselves in a good position with sufficient for our needs and even a feeling of comfort and security for some. This of course is not always the case and we need to keep in mind all those whose lives are being changed because of an ending of government support such as furlough and additional benefit support. Let us pray for the regeneration of society and its work forces. In turn may all be humble in taking up employment wherever it is needed and contribute to the well-being of society.

This weekend is a follow up of Harvest Sunday with the parish collection for CAFOD, Christ Aid for Overseas Development. Just as we are only safe when all are safe, so too we can consider that we are only in a good position in life when all are in a good position in life. We all need food, water, shelter, health care and education. Let us pray for and contribute to all these things, not only for ourselves but for others as well.

During the week we had the Feast of the Archangels, Raphael, Gabriel and Michael. There was also the Feast of the Guardian Angels. These feasts are a reminder of the life of heaven, from which the Heavenly Father sends messages to the world of his love and goodness towards us. In particular we look to the Birth of Jesus, a time that touches the hearts of men and women in a way that is wondrous and powerful. It is the sign of hope in a world challenged in its values of peace and goodwill.

On a practical note as we re-open our parish life, I am pleased to see restrictions cautiously reduced, singing coming back into play, tea and coffee in hall after the 10 a.m. Mass. At this moment in time our two Sunday morning Masses are at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. In a fortnight October 17th the Masses times will be 8.45 a.m. and 10 a.m. in order to accommodate the re-introduction of singing which in practice lengthens the time we spend in church. A slightly larger gap is needed to allow people to leave, the church to be cleaned and the next group arrive.

God bless you all and stay safe.

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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**Sunday 3rd October 2021
Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B**

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And the Word was made flesh.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Let us pray:

Hail Mary. . .

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 2nd October Vigil Mass for Sunday 27th Sunday of the Year		6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sunday 3rd October 27th Sunday of the Year		9.00am 10.00 am	No Intention No Intention
Saturday 9th October Feast of St John Henry Newman Vigil Mass for Sunday 28th Sunday of the Year		6.00 pm	Nigel Bullock RIP
Sunday 10th October 28th Sunday of the Year		9.00 am 10.00am	People of the Parishes No Intention

Confessions: At Clayton by appointment only, please ring the parish office on 613023.

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!

Retiring collection: 2nd/3rd October CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Mass at Ashley Parish: Please continue to ring the parish office to book a place at Mass:

Wednesday 6th October No Mass
 Wednesday 13th October 11.30 am
 Wednesday 20th October 11.30 am

Piety Stall: There are a few 2022 Catholic diaries on sale, also a selection of Christmas cards. Please contact Rosalind Hartley on 07710117789.

Mass Intentions: Mass intention envelopes are available in the porch, please leave your name and a contact number on the envelope or ring the parish office and we can book a Mass in for you.

Counting Rota at Clayton: Please contact the parish office if you are able to continue counting on the new counting rota. New volunteers welcome.

Reading Rota at Clayton: Please contact the parish office if you are able to continue reading on the new reading rota. **Please can you confirm which Mass you would like to read at.** New volunteers welcome.

Tea and Coffee Rota: We will be serving tea and coffee in the parish hall this Sunday after 10am Mass. Volunteers are needed to join the rota. Please contact Judy Somers on 616071 or leave a message with the parish office.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Directory 2021: On sale £3. Please contact the parish office to purchase a copy.

Church Cleaning Clayton: W/c 3rd October: Group 4
W/c 10th October Group 5 & 5b

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank: Please bring all donations to Mass at the weekend, or by arrangement with the parish office on a week day.

New Email Address: Please email olstwerburgh.clayton@rcaob.org.uk