

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I returned on Friday evening following a meeting with my Congregation of Priests and Brothers. As we were making plans for the future witness and work of our Fathers and Brothers we met on a day of celebration for our Indian members. It was on the Feast of St Thomas, the apostle, a very important day for all our brethren from India who support our work here in England. St Thomas, the apostle was a pioneer for the spreading of the faith in Indian and is very much loved and venerated. Happy Feast of all our parishioners who hail from various parts of India!

Thank you for your prayers and support for our meeting and the well-being of our work and witness. It is very much appreciated for without God's grace many challenges would be left undone!

Saturday this weekend sees the Summer Fayre taking place. In fact by the time, you've read this, it will have already done so! Let's hope that the rain held off! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped set up and on the day itself. As well as a very enjoyable occasion it brings us all together in a common cause the well-being of our people, especially our children. The phrase "It could be you!" reminds me that someone will have won the £500 first prize! Was it you?

Please keep in your prayers Dee Dutton of Ashley who died this week! Also remember her family and friends. We keep our prayers also for Will Simpson whose funeral took place at St Gregory's Longton. Bishop Timothy Menezes was present also with many who knew him and worked with him. Please once again remember family and friends who suffer the shock of his young death.

Sadly, we also pray for Marie Molloy who died this week, following a long battle with cancer. Please also pray for her young family who mourn her loss! Eternal rest grant unto them all O Lord. May they rest in peace!

Meanwhile may God grace you and keep you in his peace!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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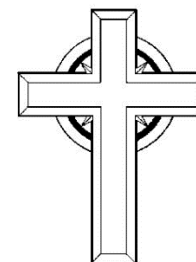
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**Sunday 5th and 12th July 2026
Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sunday**

**Sunday Readings Year A
Weekday Readings Year 2**

Prayer of the Sacred Heart

**Sacred Heart of Jesus,
form my heart in Your love,
that my life may reflect
Your mercy and peace.**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 4th July Vigil Mass Fourteenth Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 5th July Fourteenth Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Anna Jones RIP Mary Lukose RIP
Tuesday 7th July		7.15 pm	Holy Mass
Wednesday 8th July	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 9th July		9.15 am	Holy Mass
Friday 10th July		10.00 am	Jose Mathew RIP
Saturday 11th July Feast of St Benedict Vigil Mass for Sunday Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass (No Adoration or Confessions) People of the Parishes
Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Mary Richards RIP Thanksgiving – Ann and Bernard Tierney
Tuesday 14th July		7.15 pm	Anna Jones RIP
Wednesday 15th July	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 16th July		9.15 am 7.00pm	Holy Mass Farewell Mass for Mrs Wilson
Friday 17th July			NO MASS TODAY
Saturday 18th July Vigil Mass Sixteenth Sunday	6.00 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass, followed by Adoration People of the Parishes
Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Mass John Goodwin RIP

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.

Please keep Florence and her family in your prayers, she will be baptised next weekend.

FLAME 2027 - Sat 6th March (Year 9 and above) Join the Archdiocese of Birmingham as we journey together as one community to the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales - FLAME 2027! Be part of this incredible day with exceptional praise and worship music, speakers from all around the world, exhibitions and a gathering of over 10,000 young Catholics. For £59, KYT are offering return coach travel, prime tickets in the OVO (Wembley) Stadium and a T-Shirt. We will register and travel with KYT as a parish group. Please speak to Claire O'Hara (07929036596) for more details and to request tickets, by 5th July.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	04.07.26 J. Dunlevy	11.07.26 J. Bester	18.07.26 S. McKenna
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	05.07.26 M. O'Hagan	12.06.26 A. Dibie	19.07.26 M. Hill
Readers	Sunday 10 am	05.07.26 L. Machin/ H. Carter	12.07.26 A. & J. Capper	19.07.26 A. Goodall/ M. Tierney
Counting	Clayton	05.07.26 Walker	12.07.26 Thompson/ Carter	19.07.26 Eggington/ Beardmore
Cleaning	Clayton	05.07.26 Group 2	12.07.26 Group 3	19.07.26 Group 4
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	July S. & L. Mifflin		
Flowers	Ashley 06.07.26 13.07.26 20.07.26	Sue M Sue M Hazel	Clayton 05.07.26 12.07.26 19.07.26	Catherine Julia Rosalind
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections 11 th /12 th July Apostleship of the Sea			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£109.16	Ashley	£7.00
Cash	Clayton	£214.20	Ashley	£40.55
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£753.36	Ashley	£139.55
Peter's Pence	Clayton	£ 95.97	Ashley	£15.50

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.

Oulton Abbey - Sung Mass for the Feast of St Benedict: On Saturday 11th July 2026 in the Abbey Church 12 noon. All Welcome.

Confirmation Preparation Classes – for children not attending Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary School. Please can parents contact the parish office. Classes will begin in September.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal Please see notice in the porch or use the QR Code to donate.

