

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have moved into the month of November, having celebrated the Feast of All Saints and that of All Souls. This month is the time to remember our loved ones who have gone to All Saints, that is to heaven itself. As a sign of our love and respect let us offer our prayers by bringing our lists to the altar so that they can be remembered at every Mass of the month. Envelopes are available at the back to church. Also, if you have not had a Mass offered up for them for a while then now is the appropriate time to do so. Once again envelopes are available at the back of church.

This coming Friday we have a visit from our new Episcopal Vicar, Canon Paul McNally. He will be conducting the Confirmations for our Year Six along with other children of the parish. Please keep our young people in your prayers so that this sacrament will strengthen their faith and the faith of all their families and friends. Canon Paul will also be visiting the school and children prior to the main event in the evening.

Next weekend Fiona Keane will be present at the back of church for anyone who would like to know more about the course that she will be offering called, "Prayer Life Worship." Several of these courses are being offered throughout the deanery. Father Julian Green has been a great supporter of this course, providing training where necessary.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Richards, Pat Garrett and Rita Kennedy. Also remember their families and friends who miss them deeply. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord!

Over the next few weeks, the pre-winter celebrations continue with Bonfire Night. Do be careful and avoid any accidents with fireworks and bonfires. Enjoy the sparkle and comradery that comes with it all.

God bless and take care!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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234216*

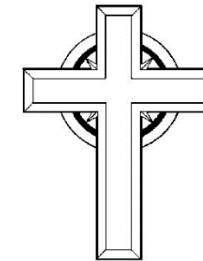
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**Sunday 5th November 2023
Thirty- First Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year A**

Prayer for Holy Souls

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 4th November Vigil Mass 31st Sunday	6 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 5th November 31st Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Deceased of the Myatt, Gillard and Ford Families Joseph & Gladys Mason
Tuesday 7th November		7.15 pm	Julia Brotherton RIP
Wednesday 8th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Mary Richards Adoration Devine, Bell and McShane Families
Thursday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		9.15 am	Holy Souls
Friday 10th November		10.00 am 7.00 pm	Enid & Eddie Edwards Confirmation Mass
Saturday 11th November Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	10.00am	Mary Richards People of the Parishes
Sunday 12th November 32nd Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Rosemary Davies Constance & Walter Burke

Confessions: At Clayton Saturday's 10.30 -11.30 am. 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 Jaxon and Maeva who are to be baptised this weekend and their families in your prayers.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes: Please return to Church by 11th/12th November.

North Staffs Walsingham Association: Pilgrimage to Walsingham from 20th – 23rd March 2024. For further information please contact Mary Shirley on 07910605984 or maryroseshirley@gmail.com

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**.

Confirmation Gifts and Cards: Available on the piety stall this weekend.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	04.11.23: H. Brpwn	11.11.23: S. McKenna	18.11.23: J. Allbutt
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	05.11.23: R. Hartley	12.11.23: K. Lycett	19.11.23: M. O'Hagan
Readers	Sunday 10am	05.11.23: A. Hagan/M. Tierney	12.11.23: A. Goodall/A. Hagan	19.11.23: B. Walker/M. Hughes
Counting	Clayton	05.11.23: Hughes 2 nd Collection: Hagan	12.11.23: Walker	19.11.23: Thompson/Carter
Cleaning	Clayton	05.11.23: Group 3	12.11.23: Group 4	19.11.23: Group 5 & 5b
Cleaning	Ashley	November	P & C. Quinlan	
Flowers	Ashley	06.11.23: Chris 13.11.23: Chris 20.11.23: Sue U	Clayton: 05.11.23: Rosalind 12.11.23: Sujen	19.11.23: Catherine
Children's Liturgy	Clayton	05.11.23: 12.11.23:	Half Term	
		Offertory Collections – thank you	The retiring collection this weekend is for Johnson Association	
Gift Aid	Clayton	£170.23	Ashley	£
Cash	Clayton	£189.25	Ashley	£
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£789.48	Ashley	Not Available

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 concern.

Volunteers Needed for the Cleaning and Flower Rotas at Clayton: Please speak to Sharon in the parish office for further details on 01782 613023.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSKHOP: At Our Lady & St Werburgh's Church beginning Saturday 18th November from 10:30am to 12:30.

Winter Fayre – Saturday 2nd December 12 Noon – 2pm

We are in need of raffle prizes for the main raffle, also donations for the stalls and cakes for the cake stall (**please note down all ingredients when sending in homemade cakes**)

CAFOD World Gifts: Brochure available at the back of Church or visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts