

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Autumn establishes itself with some beautiful if not changeable weather, we are starting to plan ahead! Please put into your diaries Saturday November 30th the Winter Fayre 12 noon until 2 p.m. It is always a good and merry time in aid of the parish and parish school.

Can I also remind people of the Open Deanery Meeting Tuesday 22nd 7p.m. at Holy Trinity. Its purpose is to look at future planning and the issues involved. It is open to all and in particular to anyone who has taken up a role within their parish life. Please go along and represent the parishes of St John the Baptist and St Werburgh.

Next year is a Jubilee year in the life of the church. The Holy Father has declared it a year of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. May it be a prayerful and enhancing spiritual time.

Parents who have children who go to the Little Church catechism, please note that our team are vetted and qualified to care for your children. May I suggest that where you feel confident you allow your child a little independence and that where possible adults remain within the church. This is a free choice, but we encourage parents to remain behind where appropriate.

Please note there are no Masses during the coming week. Next weekend we welcome our new Bishop Timothy Menezes who will be saying the two Sunday morning Masses at Clayton. Father John Waters will be covering Saturday evening at Ashley. Please make them welcome and look after their needs.

May I also remind you all that there is a Harvest Supper at the Methodist Church in Ashley this coming Friday. Bernard will be selling tickets on Saturday after Mass. If anyone from Clayton would like to attend then contact the parish office for tickets or Bernard himself.

Finally note that this is a two-week newsletter!

God bless and take good care of yourselves.

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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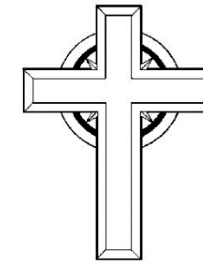
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Sundays 6th and 13th October 2024

Twenty-Seventh and Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year B

Weekday Readings Year 2

Live Simply prayer

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply,
so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God,
You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us
may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice,
You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors
your wisdom.
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice
crumble and those now crushed are set free.
Amen.

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 5th October Vigil Mass 27th Sunday	6.00 pm		Sacred Heart Thailand Mission
Sunday 6th October 27th Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Anna Jones People of the Parishes
Saturday 12th October Vigil Mass 28th Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 13th October 28th Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Kath Gallimore RIP Maureen & John Mulrooney
Tuesday 15th October		7.15 pm	For those suffering with their mental health
Wednesday 16th October	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Mass Adoration Mass
Thursday 17th October		9.15 am	Mass with the school
Friday 18th October Feast of St Luke		10.00 am	Intention of the Hartley family
Saturday 19th October		10.00am	Mass followed by Adoration until 11am for Peace in the World.
Vigil Mass 29th Sunday	6.00 pm		Mass
Sunday 20th October 29th Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Private Intention People of the Parishes

Confessions: No Confessions at Clayton on 12th October. 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.

Ashley Ecumenical Harvest Supper: On 11th October at the Methodist Church. Tickets on sale this weekend from Bernard Bester. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

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

Youth Group: Our next OLSW Youth Group session will be on Saturday 19th Oct 18:00 - 19:30 in the Parish Hall. Year groups 4 - 13 all welcome. Subs £2 and tuck shop available.

The Diocesan youth retreat for parish groups (Fearless and Limitless), lead by Kenelm Youth Trust, will be taking place over the weekend 8-10th Nov for Years 5-13 at Alton Castle. The subsidised cost will be £50. Please contact Claire O'Hara via the Youth Group WhatsApp group or on 07929036596 for more information.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	05.10.24: H. Brown	12.10.24: B. Bromfield	19.10.24: R. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	06.10.24: C. Pover	13.10.24: M. Anderson	20.10.24: R. Hartley
Readers	Sunday 10am	06.10.24: B. Walker/J. Somers	13.10.24: B. Tierney/R. Gallimore	20.10.24: L. Machin/H. Carter
Counting	Clayton	06.10.24: Hughes	13.10.24: Walker	20.10.24: Thompson/Carter
Cleaning	Clayton	06.10.24: Group 1	13.10.24: Group 2	20.10.24: Group 3
Cleaning	Ashley	October	H. Brown/J. Dunlevy	
Flowers	Ashley	07.10.24: Hazel 14.10.24: Hazel 21.10.24: Sue M	Clayton 06.10.24: Catherine 13.10.24: Rosalind	20.10.24: Sujen
Children's Liturgy	06.10.24;	Martin Angela	13.10.24: Claire O/ Sister Geraldine	20.10.24: Natalie/Claire H
				The retiring collection 5th/6th October CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Gift Aid	Clayton	£88.15	Ashley	£60.00
Cash	Clayton	£517.95	Ashley	£18.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£1,036.10	Ashley	£170.00

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.

Mum's Retreat Morning: At St Teresa's Trent Vale on 12th October 2024 from 9.30am – 11.30am. You are welcome to bring babies and young children along. Toys will be provided. Please contact Esther at: estherjcorrigan@gmail.com or 07875 601619 to register.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: North Staffs Deanery invite you to a talk by Father Michael Miners on the teaching of St. John Henry Newman. On Tuesday 15th October 2024 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm at St Wulstan's School Hall.

North Staffs Vocations Promotions Group: An evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations led by Father Michael Miners. On Tuesday 29th October 7.00 pm. At St Wulstan's Church.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.