

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we are all aware, we are at the end of the Summer Holidays and children are returning to school as best they can. Let us pray all goes well for them, their teachers and parents. I have returned from my staycation ready for the tasks ahead. They will be many and varied as will be the same for most of you. In working towards the future let us pray for one another, for the grace of Christ's love and strength along with a desire to be re-fulfilled by and through his love.

I would like to thank Father Chris Bester for covering the parishes for the last two weekends. I big thank you to all who kept the parish going while I was away, all helpers, stewards, and secretaries on various duties. It gives me great comfort when I see your generosity at work.

We will continue with our three Masses at the weekend, with one each weekend being streamed. **Please note that due to technical difficulties we have changed the streamed Mass from Sunday 10 a.m. to the day before, Saturday 6 p.m. for this weekend.** However, there is nothing to stop people watching the Mass at the time they wish, although of course it will not be live in the same sense.

We are looking at having a weekday Mass at Ashley but that is dependent on a team being formed and a risk assessment having been accepted by the diocese. Unfortunately, the church is on the small side and so will only be able to accommodate around 8-10 people. For that reason, most Masses will need to be at Clayton. **PLEASE NOTE FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY AND WE CANNOT ALWAYS SUPPLY THEM IN EMERGENCY AT THE DOOR.**

Two appeals for us all to consider this week. Firstly, we wish to continue to help with Food Bank needs, so there will be a collection of foods etc. in the usual manner in the parish car park 2-3 p.m. on Sunday September 13th. Naturally, it is a good time for a catch up with friends and associates. God bless you for your past generosity. A number of items are listed as being very helpful but does not exclude any other donations. They are tinned peas and carrots, long life juice, shampoo, tinned fruit, shaving foam and razors, rice pudding, custard, small sugar, crisps etc. They are just examples but tend towards things that can be easily preserved and stored.

The second appeal is for large empty plastic bottles e.g. one or two litres. We have need of about twenty-five – can you help!

For now look after yourselves and keep safe and also be very aware to the safety of others.

God bless and keep you all!
Father Anton s.c.j.

Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley and Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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Sunday 6th September 2020 Twenty Third Sunday Year A Sunday Readings Year A, Weekday Readings Cycle Two

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. . .

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

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:
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

Hail Mary. . .