

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we return from holidays and prepare for work and school so too our parish life and activities begin to increase. Children's liturgy and music at Masses reflect a reinvigoration in our life of worship. Community is a very important part of life, and a community of faith and worship is very special. The digital world can easily cause isolation by drawing us into ourselves, living in an ethereal world. The church of Christ is built on the love of God and the people around us along with a concern for the world at large. Let us pray for the grace to make the most of the goodness of Jesus in each of us and create community together.

Next weekend, weather permitting there is the parish picnic. There are flyers on the benches for those who are interested. As always, the two great attractions are the Bouncy Castle and Barbecue. Brace yourselves and flex your muscles for the tug-o-war. Bring a picnic and drinks. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are available and entrance is free. See you there!

Journey in Faith begins Tuesday September 22nd 8 p.m. All are welcome. If you wish, speak to me at the end of Mass or ring the office for further information. This too is a wonderful way of partaking in the life of the community, deepening one's faith in the love of Christ and his people on earth.

Please keep in your prayers Aileen Bell and Esther Bourne who have gone to the Lord. Keep their families and friends in your prayers also.

Take good care of yourselves and with God's grace use his strength to love and support one another.

God bless and keep you safe!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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Charity No 234216*

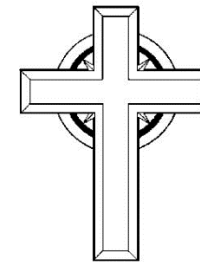
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[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]

Chaplain's Office for inpatients at the Royal Stoke: 01782 676400



Sunday 6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

Night Prayer to My Guardian Angel

O Angel of God, my guardian dear

to whom God's love commits me here.

Ever this night be at my side

to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 5th September Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty- Third Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 6th September Twenty- Third Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Mildred Brennan RIP Louis and Julia O'Leary RIP
Tuesday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		7.15 pm	Esther Bourne RIP
Wednesday 9th September	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass Adoration A family's needs
Thursday 10th September		9.15 am	For children worldwide, (Mass with the school)
Friday 11th September		10.00am	Holy Mass
Saturday 12th September		10.00am	Holy Mass, followed by Adoration
Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10. 00am	Doctor John Kennedy RIP Private Intention

Confessions on Saturdays: Ashley before 6pm Mass. Clayton 10.30 – 11.30 am
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.

Coffee Morning in Oddfellows Hall. On Tuesday 8th September 10-11.30 am. All welcome.

Toddler Group at St Werburgh's: Will start on Wednesday 9th September 9.15 am – 11 am
 in the parish hall. All welcome.

Parish Picnic at St Werburgh's: On Sunday 13th September after 10am Mass. See flyer for
 further details.

Feast Day Mass for Our Lady of Walsingham: At St Wulstans Church, Wolstanton on
 Thursday 24th September at 6.30PM

Care for Creation: A Scriptural Vision: Fleur Dorrell explores some Biblical themes
 helping us to understand our common home and our place within it. Fleur is Biblical
 Apostolate Manager for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.
 Date: Monday, 14th September 2026 Time: 6:45pm – 8.30pm
 Place: The Catherine Room, Our Lady of the Angels & St Peter in Chains,
 106 Hartshill Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7LG.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	05.09.26 C. Bland	12.09.26 R. McKenna	19.09.26 J. Dunlevy
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	06.09.26 D. Mason	13.09.26 K. Lycett	20.09.26 J. Mason
Readers	Sunday 10 am	06.09.26 A. Capper/ J. Capper	13.09.26 L. Machin/ H. Carter	20.09.26 A. Goodall/ M. Hughes
Counting	Clayton	06.09.26 Thompson/ Carter	13.09.26 Eggington/ Beardmore	20.09.26 Whitehurst/ Machin
Cleaning	Clayton	06.09.26 Group 5	13.09.26 Group 6	20.09.26 Group 1
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	September H. Brown/ J. Dunlevy		
Flowers	Ashley 07.09.26 14.09.26 21.09.26	Hazel Sue M Sue M	Clayton 06.09.26 13.09.26 20.09.26	Sujen Catherine Rosalind
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections: 13.09.26 Catholic Education Service			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£148.19	Ashley	£45.00
Cash	Clayton	£391.06	Ashley	£30.70
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£969.25	Ashley	£167.70
			Ashley Building Fund	£48.60

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.

Keyholders: Will all parishioners who hold keys to the Church please note that we are taking
 the opportunity to do a full key audit in line with Diocesan best practice. We will contact you via
 email or by phone but if you would prefer to call us please do so during the normal office hours.

Caritas Parish Ambassadors: Could you be a Caritas Parish Ambassador? We're inviting
 people from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham to act as a link between your parish and
 Father Hudson's Caritas.

Interested? Attend our information session on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm online. Contact
 Emily Pugh, emilypugh@fatherhudsons.org.uk or 07385 472924 for the link to join.
 See poster on noticeboard for further details.