

**FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
(CORPUS CHRISTI)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The words “In Christ” are a good reminder of the importance of this weekend’s Feast. When we come to Mass, an essential part of a Catholic’s life, we receive and become part of the Body of Christ. Holy Communion is the central and tangible moment when we know we are in contact with Christ, receiving his body, blood, soul and divinity! The Body of Christ is the umbilical cord of a Catholic life, joining us not only to Christ who is God, but also to one another as witnesses of faith in him.

We are asked never to eat the body of Christ or to drink his blood unworthily and to give the Mass, our Eucharist (thanksgiving), the utmost respect. Not only are we asked for respect and reverence, but also commitment to show our love for Christ in return for his love for us.

To all parents, please remember to allow your children the privilege of receiving Christ and to bring them to the Lord as often as possible at weekends. There are a good number of Masses available both here and in other parishes. Jesus said to his disciples when in distress, “Could you not stay with me one hour?” That’s all it takes, one hour, in the whole week to recognise Christ and the gift of the Eucharist.

Please pray for our children who are making communion with Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Pray also for the gift of faith, that it be strengthened in us all and the lives of parents who give that gift to their children.

Following the 10 a.m. Mass today we have our parish AGM, a time to receive news of what takes place within the parish and to pose any questions that you feel relevant to the life of the parish. The meeting begins shortly after Mass, tea and coffee.

A reminder too of the carpool for Droitwich. We meet at 1.45 p.m. on Sunday in the parish carpark and aim to leave at 2 p.m. Bring a cake or sandwich as a snack to accompany the tea and coffee provided.

Again, thank you for all that you do to keep the parish and parish school community alive and well.

God bless and keep you safe in his care!

***Father Anton s.c.j.***

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

***Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

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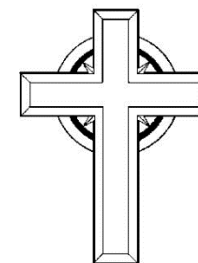
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**[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]**

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



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

**Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O Heart most tender,  
hold in Your embrace those I love,  
and those I struggle to love.

Shelter the weary, guide the lost,  
and draw all souls into the warmth  
of Your redeeming fire.

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>		8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Mass Gladys Harding RIP
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		7.15 pm	Thomas Gillen
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Deceased of the Great Wars  Adoration Holy Mass
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>St Barnabas, Apostle</b>		9.15 am	Recent Deceased of the Parishes
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>		10.00am	Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.00 pm	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass  People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass

**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.

**North Staffs Vocations Promotion Group:** This group was formed in 1988 by the late Fr Seamus Gilroy whose vision was to form groups to find ways to promote vocations to the Priesthood.

The local group seeks to recruit a 'Point of Contact' in each parish to share information and ideas. There will be no pressure to join the group. If you are willing to help, please contact Lesley Colclough on [l.c.colclough@btinternet.com](mailto:l.c.colclough@btinternet.com).

**North Staffs Area Pastoral Council:**

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy will give a talk on two Papal Documents 'Divine Love and Love of the Poor' on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Angels, Stoke. All welcome.

Readers Saturday	6.00pm	06.06.26 S McKenna	13.06.26 C Bland	20.06.26 J Allbutt
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	07.06.26 R Hartley	14.06.26 D Mason	21.06.26 TBA
Readers	Sunday 10 am	07.06.26 A Hagan M Hughes	14.06.26 B Walker J Somers	21.06.26 TBA
Counting	Clayton	07.06.26 Whitehurst/ Machin	14.06.26 Grannell	21.06.26 Lycett/Bullock/ Corrigan
<b>Cleaning</b>	Clayton	07.06.26 Group 4	14.06.26 Group 5	21.06.26 Group 6
<b>Cleaning Ashley</b>	Ashley	<b>June</b> Capper		
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Ashley</b> 14.06.26 21.06.26	Hazel Chris	<b>Clayton</b> 14.06.26 21.06.26	Rosalind Helen
Offertory Collections – thank you	The Retiring Collection at Ashley Parish on 14.06.26 is for Ashley Building Fund			
<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Clayton</b>	£123.10	<b>Ashley</b>	£60.00
<b>Cash</b>	<b>Clayton</b>	£262.68	<b>Ashley</b>	£44.00
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>Clayton</b>	£430.00	<b>Ashley</b>	£92.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Clayton</b>	£815.78	<b>Ashley</b>	£196.00

**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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Clayton Parish AGM – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** after 10am Mass: All welcome. Reports from groups can be read out at the meeting.

**Summer Fayre – Saturday 4th July 12 Noon – 2pm:** We would be very grateful for prizes for the main raffle.

**Raffle Tickets:** Now available in the porch. Please take some to sell to family and friends.