REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Mass as Jesus speaks to his disciples, we hear the words, “Peace, I leave you, my peace I give you, look not upon our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.”

If only the people of the world would listen to his voice and not harden their hearts as the people at Massah in the desert! These words reflect the sadness of war, the loss of life and the trauma brought about by conflict.

Today we honour those who would have preferred peace to war but nonetheless gave their lives for the sake of freedom and democracy. I give thanks that I have lived in a time of peace and feel a tear of sadness whenever I study the history of the great wars. “Lest we forget” are words that need to be said and acted upon time and time again. The world in which we live can always learn from history and that history must reveal the truth and not be covered up by propaganda and deceit.

We honour and give thanks for all who gave their lives in service of our nation. May the whole country take time to ensure they are remembered and given the due honour that is theirs.

Please note this coming Tuesday there is a Mass for the deceased clergy of this Deanery, and it will be held at Holy Trinity Church 12 noon. This month of November is the time to pay special attention to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Please bring the names of those you wish remembered at November Masses to the prayer box and where possible have a Mass said for them at some time. Envelopes are provided at the back of church for the lists and Masses.

Please note that there will not be a school Mass on Thursday as the Priests of the Deanery are attending safe-guarding training for the whole of the day.

Let us all continue our prayers for the faithful departed this month of November!

God bless and stay safe!

Father Anton s.c.j.

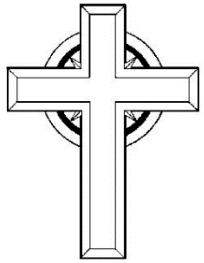
Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley
and
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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Sunday 8th November 2026
Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year
Remembrance Sunday
Sunday Readings Year A
Weekday Readings Year 2

Prayer before Mass

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 7th November Vigil Mass for Sunday Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 8th November Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday		8.15 am 10.00am	Ethna Walsh RIP Charles, Mary & Patrick Henry RIP
Tuesday 10th November		7.15 pm	Enid Edwards RIP
Wednesday 11th November	**6.45 pm** **7.15 pm**	10.00 am	Holy Souls Adoration Mary Hall RIP
Friday 13th November		10.00am	Father Andrea Antonini s.c.j. RIP
Saturday 14th November **Vigil Mass Thirty – Third Sunday of the Year**	**6. 00 pm**	10.00am	Mary Rose, Mass followed by Adoration Michael Higgins & Sharon Acton RIP
Sunday 15th November Thirty- Third Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	The Corrigan family People of the Parishes
Tuesday 17th November		7.15 pm	Mary Richards RIP
Wednesday 18th November	**6.45 pm** **7.15 pm**	10.00 am	Thomas RIP Adoration Margaret Bromfield RIP
Thursday 19th November		9.15 am	Holy Souls, Mass with the School
Friday 20th November		10.00 am	Camillus and Bernadette Fernando
Saturday 21st November Vigil Mass for Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	**6.00 pm**	10.00 am	Jack and Anne Feeney Mass followed by Adoration People of the Parishes
Sunday 22nd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Youth Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Christine McKenna RIP Walter and Constance Burke RIP

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.

Baptisms: Please keep Rory and Margot who are to be baptised this weekend in your prayers, and Grace who will be baptised next weekend, also their families.

November Mass Offering Envelopes: Are now available at the back of Church.

Readers Ashley	**Saturday 6pm**	07.11.26 H. Brown	14.11.26 J. Allbutt	21.11.26 J. Dunlevy
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	08.11.26 M. Anderson	15.11.26 M. Mason	22.11.26 R. Hartley
Readers	Sunday 10 am	08.11.26 L. Machin/ H. Carter	15.11.26 A. & J. Capper	22.11.26 A. Goodall/ C. O'Hara
Counting	Clayton	08.11.26 Whitehurst/ Machin	15.11.26 Grannell	22.11.26 Lycett/ Bullock/ Corrigan
Cleaning	Clayton	08.11.26 Group 2	15.11.26 Group 3	22.11.26 Group 4
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	November A & J. Capper		
Flowers	**Ashley** 09.11.26 16.11.26 23.11.26	 Sue M Sue M Sue M	**Clayton** 08.11.26 15.11.26 22.11.26	 Sujen Helen Catherine
Offertory Collections – thank you	**Second Collections:** **14th Nov** **Ashley Building Fund** **15th Nov** **Father Hudson's** **21st/22nd** **Catholic Youth Service**			
Gift Aid	**Clayton**	£ 144.64	**Ashley**	£40.00
Cash	**Clayton**	£ 242.65	**Ashley**	£46.50
Standing Orders	**Clayton**	£430.00	**Ashley**	£92.00
Total	**Clayton**	£817.29	**Ashley**	£178.50
Johnson Association	**Clayton**	£143.36	**Ashley**	£17.00

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.

Winter Fayre: On Saturday 21st November 12 noon until 2.00 pm. We would be grateful for raffle prizes for the main raffle and items for the stalls. Homemade cakes please bring in on the morning of the fayre **(with a list of all ingredients)**

Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 10th November at Holy Trinity, Newcastle 12 noon.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you for your donations. We collected £323.73 from Clayton Parish and £63.00 from Ashley Parish.

Piety Stall: Catholic diaries are now on sale £2.50. Also a selection of Confirmation gifts and cards.