

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to announce that next weekend August 15/16th we will be having three Masses for people to attend. They are Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 10 a.m. Sunday Mass will be streamed but will have a different presentation due to the catering of people under health and safety guidance etc. **Please note that you need to book a place by contacting the parish office, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. You are also required to wear a face mask when you come to church unless you have an exemption such as breathing difficulties etc.**

During the following weeks we will aim to provide similar times for Masses but that will be down to availability of helpers/stewards during the holiday months. Please check times if you wish to come to Mass. Also note that we are not able to stream a Mass the weekend August 22/23rd due to people being away.

The Masses will be shorter than normal because of guidelines e.g. no singing, no bidding prayers, short homily, no offertory procession. Communion will be given after the end of Mass and people will be asked to depart immediately by the exit door and not return to their places.

I look forward to seeing those among you who feel happy and confident to come to church. Please feel assured that we are doing our utmost to make sure everyone is kept safe in our spiritual home.

Turning our minds to prayer, let us remember the people of Beirut in the Lebanon following the enormous explosion that took place killing many and injuring hundreds more. It is a sad reminder of the constant need for health and safety checks, especially when it is noted that the explosion was caused by the bad storage of chemicals. There are many appeals for aid which can be accessed through the internet for those who wish to contribute to this pressing need.

This week we will have streamed Mass Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. and the Wednesday opening of the church for prayer will be 6.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.

God bless you all 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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**Sunday 9th August 2020
Nineteenth Sunday Year A
Sunday Readings Year A, Weekday Readings Cycle Two**

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto
Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to
thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ.

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