



***The Catholic Parishes of  
Our Lady & Saint John the Baptist, Ashley  
and  
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012  
Third Sunday of the Year  
Sunday Readings Year B  
Weekday Readings Cycle 2**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**“Lord, make me know your ways.”**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**“The Kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the Good News.”**

**Alleluia!**

	Ashley	Clayton	Intentions
Saturday 21st January Vigil Mass for Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 22nd January 3rd Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00am	Brenda Howe Prayer of preparation – The Rosary First Holy Communion Commitment Mass – Dennis Austin
Monday 23rd January		10.00am	Communion Service
Tuesday 24th January St Francis de Sales, Bishop		7.15 pm	Bernard Tierney
Wednesday 25th January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	9.30 am	Forgotten Holy Souls, Mass followed by Adoration until 10.30 am  Adoration Kathleen Parton
Thursday 26th January Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops		9.15 am	Intention of Sister Rosarii
Friday 27th January		10.00 am	Special Intention
Saturday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas Vigil Mass for Sunday 4th Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm	10.00 am	Kay Edwards, Mass followed by Adoration until 11.30 am  Joan and Malcolm Mitchell
Sunday 29th January 4th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 9.40 am 10.00am	Alan Johnson Prayer of preparation – The Rosary People of the parishes

**Confessions at St Werburgh's Saturdays 10.30 –11.30am. At St John's 5.25pm – 5.45 pm**

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our parishes, including: Joseph Lockington, Ted Hothersall, Stephen Collins, Eileen Allen, Louise Esmond, Eileen Elks, Karen Blaszczyk, Robert Gath, John, Linda O'Rourke John Stevenson, Eric & Olive Beardmore, Maura Hennessey, Beatty Pepper, Kay O'Brien, Cecilia Akers, Nell Potter, Norman Gallagher, Julie & Frank Bostock, Michael Somers, Margaret Pankhurst, Heloise Ramsay, Tim Gibson, Eunice Bridgett, Sheila Shenton, Agnes Miles, Barbara Byrne, Beatrice Jayasuriya, Holly Taylor, Sr Rosarii, Fiona Ford, Mary Gregory, Julie Pointon, Jessie Rowley, Evelyn Barlow, Sister Kevin and all those who have asked for prayers. May the healing touch of the Lord be with them

**Notice From The Dean of North Staffs Deanery – Father Peter Weatherby:** "In the first few months of 2012 there will be three parishes (five churches) in the Deanery without priests while new appointments are awaited. It is impossible for these posts to be filled quickly and for priests to be found to cover all the Masses which are currently offered. In close consultation with Bishop David and the Vicar General, the clergy of the Deanery will work together to make sure that there is one Mass of the Sunday obligation in each Church without its own priest. It will not be possible to provide more than one Mass for these Churches. The Dean is responsible for ensuring the supply of priests for these five Masses every weekend. The difficulty of providing even this should not be underestimated. Please pray for vocations."

**Children's Liturgy Leader For The Older Group:** We urgently need another leader to go on the rota, and we are also short of helpers to assist the leaders. Please speak to Catherine Gunn, or leave your contact details at the church office if you are able to help.

**North Staffs Linkline.** Last weekend there were two fundraising events that took place on our behalf.  
**Cake Stall:** A big thank you to Andrew, Rachel, Lauren, Sian, Louise and James, who held a cake stall after 10 am Mass, and did a fantastic job, and raised £52.  
**Chinese Meal:** On Sunday night there was an event hosted by the Knights of St. Columba at the Arch Chinese Restaurant, with proceeds going to North Staffs Linkline. The food was lovely, and the occasion enjoyable. The sum of £1,112.60 was raised. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Readers Sat: 21.01.12	C. Byrne/W. Allbutt	28.01.12: M. Hartley/I. Thompson
Readers Sun: 22.01.12	R. Hartley	E. Richardson/V. Cooke
Readers Sun: 29.01.12	K. Lycett	A. Hagan/L. Hagan
Counting: 22.01.12	H. Carter/Scott	
Counting: 29.01.12	Hughes	
Church Cleaning:	Week Com: 22.01.12: Group 1	29.01.12: Group 2
Altar Flowers: 28.01.12	Ashley: P. Capper	Clayton: S. Walker
Children's Liturgy:	22.01.12: Judy & helper	29.01.12: Debbie & helper
		There will be collection at Ashley for the Maintenance Fund this weekend.

### Diary Dates

Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christian Unity Service at St James's Church in Clayton at 4pm
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Journey in faith restarts 8pm in upper room
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parents' and Toddlers' 10-11.30 am St Werburgh's parish hall
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Over 55's 1- 3 pm in parish hall
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Youth group years 5 & 6 meet at 6.15pm – 7.15 pm in parish hall
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Youth group for older group meet 6.15pm – 7.45 pm in upper room.
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Confirmation preparation Mass at St. Werburgh's 10 am
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mission night for India 7.30pm – 11.30 pm at St Werburgh's
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Confirmation preparation Mass for children and parents at 9.15 am
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Fayre at Ashley in Oddfellows Hall 2- 5 pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lenten Café course starts 7.45pm –9pm in the upper room St Werburgh's
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lenten Talks begin at Ashley at 8pm in Oddfellows hall

#### **Christian Unity Week: January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christian Unity Service :** At St James, Church in Clayton at 4pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January . All welcome to attend.

**.Spring Fayre at Ashley:** On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February in Oddfellows Hall from 2 – 5pm. There will be various stalls: books, tombola, toys, groceries, arts & crafts. If you have any good saleable items to donate for the stalls we would be most grateful. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served. All proceeds will go to Father Anton's order of the Sacred Heart Missions.

**Donation of goods for Fayre from St Werburgh's:** If any parishioners are able to donate any goods for the above stalls please leave them in St Werburgh's church porch and we will arrange for them to be transported to Ashley.

**Chairs at Ashley:** We have 34 **USED** plastic, and metal framed chairs which we are selling for donation £1 each. If you are interested please speak to Sue and Aubrey at Ashley. Chairs will have to be collected from Ashley. Telephone 01630 672219.

**Parish Social – Night for Indian Mission:** On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February in Our Lady & St Werburgh's parish hall, 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm. Tickets £7 to include hot food. Adults only, live entertainment, disco, and the bar will be open. Tickets available from next weekend.

**Birmingham Catholic Youth Service:** Quiz night to take place on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity, Newcastle starting at 6.30 pm. Teams should be made up of 6 young people, accompanied by one adult – supporters are welcome. Please see Clayton youth leaders for more details.

**St Teresa's R. C. Primary School, Trent Vale- Headteacher Vacancy.** For an information pack contact HR Shared Services on 01782 238204 /238205 or email recruitment@stoke.gov.uk Please see poster on noticeboard for more details.

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear People,

This is Christian Unity week and we pray that Christians will be more able to work together to witness to Christ's presence in the world. More importantly we are invited to gather in Saint James Church at 4 p.m. this Sunday. Our host Rev. Nita Edwards will lead Joy Rulton, Marcus Hargis, Marion Thomas, myself and all present in an act of worship and unity.. I hope you be able to join us.

The Sunday 10 a.m. Mass will see our young children start their preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers so that they and their families will be strengthened and brought closer to Jesus and his community.

Last Sunday's event for "Linkline" at the Arch Restaurant proved a great success. As well as everyone enjoying the evening (the food was very good) there was a fund raising raffle and auction. Over a £1000 was raised along with the profile of the work in the area. We thank our managers, the Knights of St Columba, and all who gave their support. Guess who won the last raffle prize!!!

Also a big thank you to Andrew, Rachel, Louise, Lauren, Sian and James for their cake sale last Sunday in aid of Linkline. They raised £52. Well done and keep up the good work. All the cakes were bought when I got there so they must have been good.

Also a big thank you to the parish committee and helpers for a very successful Senior Citizens' party. It was a very enjoyable and entertaining time. There was a "Bing Crosby" tribute singer whose voice was very reminiscent of the man himself. The food was great and of course beautifully served to very appreciative guests.

Last week we announced "An Evening for India". As you know I belong to a religious congregation of priests and brothers, called the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram. One of our major responsibilities is the well being of our mission in India along with certain responsibilities in Thailand. India is very poor as you know, so as an outreach the parish committee wish to support, along with your help, the various works out there. Our first fund raising efforts will go towards helping to house and train students for the priesthood. As we develop communications through Father Wilfred it is our intention to sponsor educational needs where appropriate in our mission fields. Some are just starting up as our young ordained men move into mission areas given over to us by the Indian Bishops.

Meanwhile on the home front I am pleased to announce that Ted Hothersall has made progress and is now out of CCU. Please keep him and all the family in your prayers. Let us remember all the sick and housebound in the parish. In turn let us ask them to pray for us, our children preparing for the sacraments and that our faith and witness will be as strong as theirs.

Meanwhile keep well. And as Spock in Startrek says, "Live long and prosper".

Blessings upon you all!

*Father Anton s.c.j.*