

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We come to the final week of the school year and I am sure that everyone of the school staff are looking forward to a break and rest. We give thanks for the gift of education which forms the foundation of life and working life for the majority of us. Let us pray also for those in the world who are denied or unable to access education. May peace reign in the world and freedom for education bringing well-being and prosperity to all.

As a person brought up in a fishing town I remember all the trawlers bringing fish into Fleetwood, a flotilla of ships coming in on the rising tide and the same leaving on the receding tide. Most of my uncles and one of my cousins served on those ships as well as the merchant navy. Life is much quieter since the Cod Wars of the Seventies but still there are many people who are away from home for long periods of time, much longer than the two-to-three-week period of a fishing fleet. Please remember the retiring collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea!

This Thursday is the school leavers Mass. We pray for all year six pupils who in September move on to their senior schools. May they take the fond memories of their time at St Werburgh. May the love of the Lord Jesus be in their hearts and minds now and always.

Monday is the Feast of St Bonaventure, a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. It is said that he once met up with St Thomas Aquinas, one of the leading scholars of the Church. He became the General Superior of the Franciscan Order of priests and monks and later a Cardinal. He was given the title "Seraphic Doctor" meaning "A teacher like the angels."

We keep our faithful departed in our prayers. Remember Anna Jones who died recently! May they all rest in peace and find light eternal!

Happy holidays when they arrive!

God bless and keep you all 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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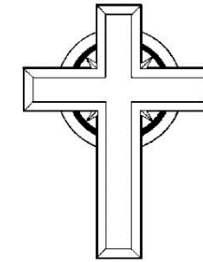
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[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]

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**Sunday 14th July 2024
Fifteenth Sunday of the Year
Sunday Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2**

Blessed Miriams Prayer

Holy Spirit, inspire me

Love of God,

Consume me.

In the right path lead me.

Mary, my Mother, watch over me.

With Jesus bless me.

**From all evil, all illusion, all danger,
preserve me.**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 13th July Vigil Mass 15th Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 14th July 15th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00 am	Aubrey Sammons Fred Wrigley
Tuesday 16th July		7.15 pm	Mrs Kathleen Reagan RIP
Wednesday 17th July		10.00 am	Anna Jones RIP
	6.45 pm 7.15 pm		Adoration Mass
Thursday 18th July		9.15 am	Mass with the School (Leavers Mass)
Friday 19th July		10.00am	John Goodwin
Saturday 20th July		10.00am	Maureen & John Mulrooney
Vigil Mass 16th Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 21st July 16th Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Tom Riley Jeff Beardmore RIP

Confessions at Clayton on Saturday's 10.30-11.30am. At Ashley before Saturday 6pm

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.

Sea Sunday: This weekend is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. You can donate in Church or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate

Clayton Reading Rota: The updated rota is now available for readers to collect from the back of Church.

Newcastle Foodbank - Current shortages as of 8th July 2024: Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Cereal, Baby Wipes, Hot Meat, Cold Meat, Tinned Custard, Chocolate Bars, Deodorant and Size 6/7 Nappies.

Confirmation Preparation Classes: Please can parents of any children living in the parishes of Our Lady & St Werburgh and Our Lady & St John the Baptist, Ashley who are due to be confirmed later this year **and who are not attending St Werburgh Primary school** please contact the parish office. The preparation classes will start at the beginning of September.

Readers	Saturday 6pm	13.07.24: L. Mifflin	20.07.24: M. Hartley	27.07.24: J. Allbutt
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	14.07.24: C. Pover	21.07.24: M. Anderson	28.07.24: R. Hartley
Readers	Sunday 10am	14.07.24: A.Capper/J. Capper	21.07.24: A. Goodall/M. O'Brien	28.07.24: S. Sony/M. Tierney
Counting	Clayton	14.07.24: Thompson /Carter	21.07.24: Egginton	28.07.24: Whitehurst/ Machin
Cleaning	Clayton	14.07.24: Group 4	21.07.24: Group 5 & 5b	28.07.24: Group 1
Cleaning	Ashley	July	A Wilson and S. Urquhart	
Flowers	Ashley	15.07.24: Chris 22.07.24: Chris 29.07.24: Sue M	Clayton 14.07.24: 21.07.24: 28.07.24:	Julia Helen Catherine
		Offertory Collections – thank you		The retiring collection this weekend is for Apostleship of the Sea
Gift Aid	Clayton	£115.21	Ashley	£32.00
Cash	Clayton	£190.99	Ashley	£ 4.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£736.20	Ashley	£128.00

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.

Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary School- Vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors: The hours will be either 11.45am- 1pm or 12- 1.15pm, every week day during term time. Further details are on our school website: <https://www.ourlady-st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies>

Gift Aid: If you would like to Gift Aid your weekly donations there are forms available in the porch, or contact the parish office.

Parish Committee Meeting: The parish committee will meet on Thursday 18th July at 7pm in the upper room.