

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May I begin by offering my congratulations to the children of Year 6 and other members of the parish on the receiving of the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Timothy Menezes last Friday evening. Thank you to Bishop Tim, staff at school and catechists for all their work and preparation. It was a windy evening, perhaps symbolic of the arrival of the Holy Spirit entering the souls of our children. Do you recall the time that you were confirmed? Is the flame of faith still alive in one's heart!?

Our young people have arrived back from their retreat at Alton Castle; I await the news of their experiences which are nearly always positive. We look forward also to next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, which is also Youth Sunday, when our young people take on additional roles at the 10 a.m. Mass.

As you know this week is the Funeral of Father Simon Hall. The family have requested that the burial following the Masses is to be a private family moment and ask for your understanding on the matter. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord! May he rest in peace.

Please note that any **pupils in year five** who are intending to apply for a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** next October or thereabouts, need to contact their parish priest if at St Werburgh, Father Anton, to fill in a pre-application form. These forms will be a help in monitoring attendance; they are only available by personal request at Masses Saturday in Ashley and Sunday in Clayton. These forms need filling in within the next few weeks.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brigid Hulse and Patricia McDermott whose funerals take place this week. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord! **Because of funeral Masses this week there will be no Tuesday evening Mass at Clayton and no Wednesday evening Mass at Ashley.**

As we are about to go to print, we have just received the sad news of the sudden death of Mr Jose Mathew, only 50 years of age. Naturally his family are very shocked and distressed. Please pray for them all at this very sad time!

Meanwhile stay safe and well. Try to avoid the flu if possible!

God bless,

Father Anton S.C.J.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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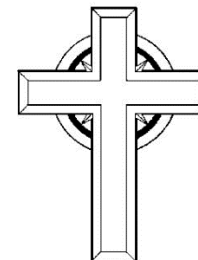
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Sunday 16th November 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday

Sunday Readings Year C

Weekday Readings Year 1

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:

from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Simon Hall and
all our faithful departed.**

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 15th November Vigil Mass Thirty- Third Sunday	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Saturday 16th November Thirty-Third Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Mary Richards RIP Jeff Beardmore RIP
Tuesday 18th November		10.00am	Requiem Mass for Brigid Hulse
Wednesday 19th November		10. 00am	Holy Souls
Thursday 20th November		9.15 am 11.30 am	Holy Souls Funeral Service for Patricia McDermott
Friday 21st November		10.00am	Patrick Henry and Patrick O’Kane
Saturday 22nd November Vigil Mass Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	James Gillen, Mass followed by Adoration People of the Parishes
Sunday 23rd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		8.15 am 10.00 am	Aubrey Sammons and Barry Akers Michael Somers

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.

Youth Group: Youth Group will meet on Saturday 22nd November 6pm – 8.00 pm in the parish hall in preparation for the Youth Mass on Sunday 23rd November 10am, come along for fun, faith and free pizza! All welcome (young people Yr 4-13)

Holy Souls Envelopes: You are invited to write down the names of those you would especially like to remember, or if you would like to enclose a donation towards a Mass for Holy Souls please put in the envelope marked **November List of the Dead**. The envelopes will be brought up to the altar at each Mass. If you wish to have a Mass said for someone in particular, please put your Mass offering and name in the envelopes marked **November Mass Offering**.

Our Lady and St John's Ashley Angel Festival - featuring angels made by the children at Our Lady and St Werburgh's school 10-4 pm on Saturday 6th December. If you or a group would like to make angels for our display please email Hazel at angelfestival.olstj@gmail.com

Thank you to all those who helped to raise funds for Linkline at our recent Mission Social. The total amount raised was £271.50. This will go a long way towards the purchase of postage stamps.

Readers Saturday	6.00pm	15.11.25 R. McKenna	22.11.25 H. Brown	29.11.25 R. McKenna
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	16.11.25 C. Pover	23.11.25 M. Anderson	30.11.25 M. Mason
Readers	Sunday 10 am	16.11.25 M. Larkin/J. Parkes	23.11.25 L. Machin/H. Carter	30.11.25 A. Capper/J. Capper
Counting	Clayton	16.11.25 Thompson /Carter	23.11.25 Eggington/ Evans	30.11.25 Whitehurst/ Machin
Cleaning	Clayton	16.11.25 Group 4	23.11.25 Group 5	30.11.25 Group 1
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	November P. & C. Quinlan		
Flowers Ashley	Ashley	17.11.25 Sue McK	24.11.25 Sue McK	
Flowers	Clayton	16.11.25 Helen	23.11.25 Catherine	29.11.25 Sujen
Offertory Collections – thank you			Retiring collection 22 nd /23 rd is for Catholic Youth Service	Retiring collection 29 th /30 th November is for flowers for the altar
Gift Aid	Clayton	£103.10	Ashley	£75.00
Cash	Clayton	£184.10	Ashley	£24.90
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£ 92.00
Total	Clayton	£717.20	Ashley	£191.90
			Ashley Building Fund	£107.91

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 Saturday 29th November from 12 Noon to 2 pm.

Raffle tickets: Now available at the back of Church.

Raffle Prizes: We would be grateful for prizes for the main raffle.

Items for Stalls: Please leave in the Church porch

Income received via Tap N Go in October:

Offertory £426.00

Donations £55.00 **Counting Team Clayton:** A couple of people urgently needed to join one of our counting teams. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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