

TWELFTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is the Summer Solstice when we experience the longest day of the year. In Aberdeen there will be 18 hours of sunshine/daylight. In six months, we celebrate the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. Each occasion was a time when many years ago people thought something was going wrong with the universe. There was great relief in Winter when the days began to lengthen. Today we understand the solar system and the universe in better detail. At the same time, we still have much to learn about God and his creation. May we be wise and use his gifts of life and provision for the benefit of all!

Breaking news, we welcome Father Joseph Nwafer into the parish of St Teresa's Trent Vale. He is due to arrive sometime around August and will take up Father Simon Hall's responsibilities, following his sad departure from this life! Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!

This weekend we remember the work for Pro Life and the retiring collection is to support a Day for Life. There are so many contradictions regarding life in our society, and it is so important that we keep a focus on the respect for life that is the teaching of our church. Life is a gift of God and is very precious in all circumstances from conception until its natural end.

This weekend we welcome a young lady into the life of the church, following a good and prayerful preparation. Please keep her and all candidates in your prayers. Pray also for the faith of young people trying to negotiate the paths of life in a very complicated and at times confusing world.

And as we keep our faithful departed in our prayers, please remember little Preston Davey whose life was so cruelly taken from him. It is a heart wrenching story and we ask the Lord to receive the little mite into heaven and give him the gifts of happiness and peace so badly denied him in this life!

God bless and keep you all 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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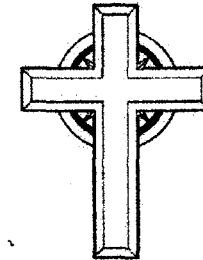
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Sunday 21st June 2026

Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

Father's Day

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Heart most tender,

hold in Your embrace those I love,

and those I struggle to love.

Shelter the weary, guide the lost,

and draw all souls into the warmth

of Your redeeming fire.

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 20th June Vigil Mass 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm		Fathers and their children
Sunday 21st June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		8.15 am 10.00am	People of the Parishes Derek and Brigid Hulse RIP
Tuesday 23rd June		7.15 pm	Holy Mass
Wednesday 24th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 25th June		9.15 am	George Baggesen RIP (Mass with the school)
Friday 26th June		9.15 am	Mary Henry RIP
Saturday 27th June		10.00 am	Intention of Peter and Sarah on their Wedding day, Mass followed by Adoration
Vigil Mass Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 28th June Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul		8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Mass Thanksgiving – Bernard and Ann Tierney

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.

Day for Life 2026; This Sunday, 21st June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 4th July 12 Noon – 2pm:

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

Raffle Tickets: Now available in the porch. Please take some to sell to family and friends.

Items for Stalls: Books, toys, toiletries, bottles are needed for the stalls.

Homemade Cakes: Please bring on the morning of the Fayre with a list of ingredients used in the cake.

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

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	20.06.26 B. Bromfield	27.06.26 R. McKenna	04.07.26 J. Dunlevy
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	21.06.26 K. Lycett	28.06.26 J. Mason	05.07.26 M. O'Hagan
Readers	Sunday 10 am	21.06.26 B. Tierney/ R. Gallimore	28.06.26 M. Larkin/ M. O'Brien	05.07.26 L. Machin/ H. Carter
Counting	Clayton	21.06.26 Lycett/ Bullock/ Corrigan	28.06.26 Hughes	05.07.26 Walker
Cleaning	Clayton	21.06.26 Group 6	28.06.26 Group 1	05.07.26 Group 2
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	June A. & J. Capper	July S. & L. Mifflin	
Flowers	Ashley 22.06.26 29.06.26 06.07.26	Chris Chris Sue M	Clayton 21.06.26 28.06.26 05.07.26	Helen Sujen Catherine
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections 20/21.06.26: Day for Life 27/28.06.26 Peter's Pence			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£178.62	Ashley	£40.00
Cash	Clayton	£581.52	Ashley	£39.00
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£1190.14	Ashley	£171.00
			Ashley Building Fund	£28.00

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.

The North Staffordshire Walsingham Association - day trip to Chester on Wednesday 24th June 2026: This trip is in honour of the Jubilee of Saint Francis of Assisi and will include time for a Cathedral visit, Mass at 12noon at the Franciscan Friary and a talk
The cost is 15 pounds per person for the coach travel
For further information or to book a place please contact Mary Shirley, maryroshirley@gmail.com or phone 07910605984