

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord,

No sooner had term ended that many of you either went straight off on holiday or are about to. The change and rest are needed in life and a good thing if you can take advantage and are in good shape to travel. We thank the Lord for the gift of rest and recreation. May all be able to enjoy and take the opportunity.

With these thoughts in mind over the next few weeks the parishes will be welcoming various supply priests while I take my summer break. Please help and make welcome Father Kevin Stokes, Father Austin Hughes and Father Michael Glover who will be covering the weekends.

This last week has been a full-on time in our little Ashley Parish of St John the Baptist. Two funerals and a wedding in the last week have meant that I have been over there practically every day of this week. Thank you for the wonderful support given to Marie Molloy's family and for the help given with the funerals of Dee Dutton and Eileen Frost. Let us continue to pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families.

Congratulations to Andrew and Georgia who, by the time you read this message, will be married in our little chapel of Our Lady and St John the Baptist. We wish them a long and happy life together.

We also over the last few weeks have welcomed into the life of the church, two new members. Please pray for them and support them in their new life in the community of St Werburgh. Their journey of faith has begun, may we be sure to help them to journey on in the love of God through Jesus, the Son!

Meanwhile take care. Pray for me as I pray for you.

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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Charity No 234216*

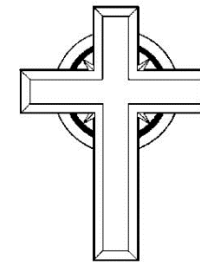
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[Parishes Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10.00 am – 1 pm]

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**Sunday 2nd/23rd August 2026
Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

**Sunday Readings Year A
Weekday Readings Year 2**

Morning Offering

***O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer you
all my prayers, thoughts, works and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your most Sacred Heart.***

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	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 1st August Vigil Mass for Sunday Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		Dee Dutton RIP
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Ethna Walsh RIP Jose Mathew RIP
Saturday 8th August Vigil Mass for Sunday Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	6. 00pm		Joseph Moran RIP
Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10. 00am	People of the Parishes Deceased of the Cunningham family
Saturday 15th August Vigil Mass for Sunday Solemnity of the Assumption	6. 00 pm		George Dutton RIP
Sunday 16th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		8.15 am 10.00am	People of the Parishes Claire Kennerley RIP
Saturday 22nd August Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty-First Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm		Dee Dutton RIP
Sunday 23rd August Twenty-First Sunday of the Year August		8.15 am 10. 00am	People of the Parishes Charles Henry RIP

Confessions on Saturdays: No Confessions at Clayton from 8th/22nd August.

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.

“VERITAS” REUNION

St Dominic's High school for girls Hartshill. If you attended please come along to Holy Trinity community centre September 26th 1pm till 3 pm. Refreshments. Shared buffet.

Confirmation Preparation Classes – for children not attending Our Lady & St Werburgh Primary School. Please can parents contact the parish office. Classes will begin in September.

Parish Picnic: On Sunday 13th September after 10am Mass

Keyholders: Will all parishioners who hold keys to the Church please note that, during August, we are taking the opportunity to do a full key audit in line with Diocesan best practice. We will contact you via email or by phone but if you would prefer to call us please do so during the normal office hours.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	01.08.26 J. Dunlevy	08.08.26 J. Allbutt	15.08.26 J. Bester	22.08.26 L. Mifflin	29.08.26 B Bromfield
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	02.08.26 M. Corrigan	09.08.26 C. Pover	16.08.26 M. Anderson	23.08.26 M. Mason	30.08.26 R. Hartley
Readers	Sunday 10 am	02.08.26 S. Sony/ C. O'Hara	09.08.26 A. Hagan/ J. Somers	16.08.26 B. Walker/ R. Gallimore	23.08.26 B. Tierney	30.08.26 M. Larkin/ M. Tierney
Counting	Clayton	02.08.26 Grannell	09.08.26 Lycett/ Bullock /Corrigan	16.08.26 Whitehurst/ Machin	23.08.26 Hughes	30.08.26 Walker
Cleaning	Clayton	02.08.26 Group 6	09.08.26 Group 1	16.08.26 Group 2	23.08.26 Group 3	30.08.26 Group 4
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	August M. Heath & D. Griffiths				
Flowers	Ashley 03.08.26 10.08.26 17.08.26 24.08.26 31.08.26	Sue M Sue M Chris Chris Hazel	Clayton 02.08.26 09.08.26 16.08.26 23.08.26 30.08.26	Sujen Catherine Rosalind Julia Helen		
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections: 30.08.26 Ashley Building Fund					
Gift Aid	Clayton	£ 94.18	Ashley	£45.00		
Cash	Clayton	£206.27	Ashley	£13.00		
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00		
Total	Clayton	£730.45	Ashley	£150.00		
			Ashley Building Fund	£46.50		

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.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council – North Staffs Deanery invite you to join the parishioners of The new parish of St Bernard of Clairvaux to celebrate Mass on their Patronal Feast: On Thursday 20th August at 7. 00 pm. Celebrant Father Adrian McNamara. At S. S. George and Martin, Boulton Street, Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 2NQ