

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we have celebrated St Teresa of Lisieux, the little flower, a Saint noted for her humility and simplicity, a virtue that our busy lives does not always. She became a Carmelite Nun and entered at a very young age after applying to Rome to allow Her early entry. We also had the Feast of the Guardian Angels, a reminder that Christ taught us that each of us has a little angel appointed to look after us. What a beautiful and simple thought support by the life of St Teresa. "Unless we become like little children, we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

A speaker will be at all Masses this weekend to tell us about the work of CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. Family Fast Day took place during the week and reminds us of the needs of those in need.

Please note that this newsletter is a double week due to staff holidays as well as retreat time. The office will be manned but if you have something required then full service will be resumed next week. For emergencies, please phone a neighbouring parish.

Look after yourselves in the care of Christ!

God bless,

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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No 234216*

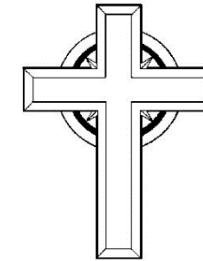
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Sunday 4th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

Sunday Readings Year A

Weekday Readings Year 2

Morning Prayer

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

We are the people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

Eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Glory be to the Father ...

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 3rd October Vigil Mass for Sunday Twenty- Seventh Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 4th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00am	Justin Kent RIP Chris Cahill RIP
Saturday 10th October Twenty- Eighth Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass for Sunday	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 11th October Twenty- Eighth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Mass Brigid Hulse RIP
Tuesday 13th October		7.15 pm	Holy Mass
Wednesday 14th October	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00 am	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 15th October		9.15 am	Holy Mass with the School
Friday 16th October		10.00am	Holy Mass
Saturday 17th October Vigil Mass Twenty- Ninth Sunday of the Year	6. 00 pm	10.00 am	Jose Mathew RIP Mass followed by Adoration Holy Mass
Sunday 18th October Twenty- Ninth Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00 am	Adrew Bancewicz RIP People of the Parishes

Confessions on Saturdays: Ashley before 6pm Mass. Clayton 10.30 – 11.30 am

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.

Ashley Parish Harvest Supper: On Friday 16th October 7pm in Oddfellows Hall. Two course hot meal for £5. All proceeds to Christian Aid. All welcome. Tickets on sale from Hazel.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

The Family Fast Day parish collection on 3 and 4 October will support people experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can help children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school, by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Please use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you for your support.

Readers Saturday Ashley	6.00pm	03.10.26 H. Brown	10.10.26 J. Bester	17.10.26 S. McKenna
Readers Clayton	Sunday 8.15 am	04.10.26 A. Dibie	11.10.26 M. Hill	18.10.26 C. Dibie
Readers	Sunday 10 am	04.10.26 S. Sony/J. Somers	11.10.26 A.Hagan/ R. Gallimore	18.10.26 B. Walker
Counting	Clayton	04.10.26 Lycett/ Bullock/ Corrigan	11.10.26 Hughes	18.10.26 Walker
Cleaning	Clayton	04.10.26 Group 3	11.10.26 Group 4	18.10.26 Group 5
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	October P. & C. Quinlan		
Flowers	Ashley 05.10.26 12.10.26 19.10.26	Chris Hazel Hazel	Clayton 04.10.26 11.10.26 18.10.26	Helen Sujen Catherine
Offertory Collections – thank you	Second Collections: 03/04.10.26 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 11.10.26 Ashley Building Fund 17/18/10/26 APF World Mission Sunday			
Gift Aid	Clayton	£105.17	Ashley	£25.00
Cash	Clayton	£178.00	Ashley	£37.13
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£713.17	Ashley	£154.13
			Building Fund	£20
Tap & Go September	Non Gift Aid	£35.00		
	Gift Aid	£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.

Youth Group: On Sat 17 Oct, Youth Group are attending Go with Hope, a free day at Oscott College for young people (Year 7-13) focusing on the Jubilee Year of St Francis. On 6-8 November, we are going to Alton Castle for the parish youth group retreats 'Fearless' and 'Limitless.' This is for Years 5-13. The cost is £50. Please contact Claire O'Hara on 07929036596 this weekend, if you are interested in either event.