

**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA AND
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the international recognition of the importance of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It is also known as the Basilica of St John Lateran and serves as the Archbasilica of Rome. It is the only Archbasilica in the world. It serves as the seat of the Bishop of Rome, Pope Leo himself. It is the oldest basilica and was consecrated in the year 324. It therefore has great significance for the world of the past up to the present day. So, we pray for the seat of Rome, the role of the Pope, Bishop of Rome in the world today.

Very importantly it is also Remembrance Sunday, a time for us to pray for peace and honour those who gave their lives in the great wars to protect us from despotism and dictatorship. Let us never forget what we owe to all those who gave their lives in combat, many from our own country but also from many other countries in the Commonwealth and the United States. Let us wear our poppies with pride and never, never forget the tragedy of war.

As promised here are the arrangements for the funeral of Father Simon Hall. There will be a Mass of Reception at St Teresa's on Wednesday 19th November at 6 p.m.; the following day at 12 noon his Requiem will take at Holy Trinity, Newcastle and Archbishop Longley will preside. He will be buried at Oscott the next day at 11 a.m. I will be attending the Mass of Reception as I am unable to be present for Father Simon's Requiem. May we give him honour in recognition of his love and service to the Church and the flock who grew to love him. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Please remember in your prayers all the children to be confirmed this coming Friday. We welcome Bishop Timothy Menezes who will be doing our Confirmations.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Higgins, Brigit Hulse and Patricia McDermott. Keep their families and friends in you daily prayers. We welcome Ian, our bag pipes player, who will play the Scottish Lament after each of the Masses today.

May 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

*The parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No
234216*

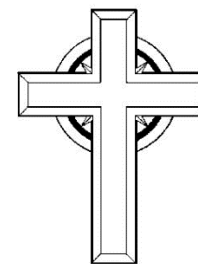
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**Sunday 9th November 2025
Feast of the Dedication The Lateran Basilica
Remembrance Sunday
Sunday Readings Year C
Weekday Readings Year 1**

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 8th November Vigil Mass Feast of the Dedication The Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday	6.00 pm		Holy Souls
Saturday 9th November Feast of the Dedication The Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday		8.15 am 10.00 am	Ethna Walsh People of the Parishes
Tuesday 11th November		7.15 pm	Enid Edwards RIP
Wednesday 12th November	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10. 00am	Camillus and Bernadette Fernando Adoration Margaret and Philomena Bromfield
Thursday 13th November		9.15 am	Holy Souls
Friday 14th November		10.00am 7.00 pm	Charles and Mary Henry Confirmation Mass
Saturday 15th November		10.00 am	Intentions of Susan Brown Mass followed by Adoration
Vigil Mass Thirty- Third Sunday	6. 00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 16th November Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year		8.15 am 10.00 am	Mary Richards RIP Jeff Beardmore RIP

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.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: On Tuesday 11th November at Holy Trinity, Newcastle 12 Noon.

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**. **Envelopes will be available next weekend.**

Piety Stall: There are a selection of Confirmation cards and gifts available to purchase.

Our Lady and St John's Ashley Parish Afternoon Tea and Games On Saturday 15th November £5 3.30-5.30p.m. All welcome. Tickets available after mass at Ashley or contact Hazel by email oddfellows.olstj@gmail.com

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. Save the date. If you or a group would like to make angels for our display please email Hazel at angelfestival.olstj@gmail.com

Readers Saturday	6.00pm	08.11.25 L. Mifflin	15.11.25 R. McKenna	22.11.25 H. Brown
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	09.11.25 M. Corrigan	16.11.25 C. Pover	23.11.25 M. Anderson
Readers	Sunday 10 am	09.11.25 B. Tierney/ R.Gallimore	16.11.25 M. Larkin/J. Parkes	23.11.25 L. Machin/H. Carter
Counting	Clayton	09.11.25 Walker	16.11.25 Thompson /Carter	23.11.25 Eggington/ Evans
Cleaning	Clayton	09.11.25 Group 3	16.11.25 Group 4	23.11.25 Group 5
Cleaning Ashley	Ashley	November P. & C. Quinlan		
Flowers Ashley	Ashley	10.11.25 Chris	17.11.25 Sue McK	24.11.25 Sue McK
Flowers	Clayton	09.11.25 Julia	16.11.25 Helen	23.11.25 Catherine
Offertory Collections – thank you			The retiring collection 8 th November at Ashley is for the Building Fund	Retiring collection 22 nd /23 rd is for Catholic Youth Service
Gift Aid	Clayton	£134.15	Ashley	£100.00
Cash	Clayton	£236.78	Ashley	£ 9.50
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£ 92.00
Total	Clayton	£800.93	Ashley	£201.50
Johnson Association	Clayton	£120.42	Ashley	£31.00

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.

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

North Staffs Deanery Vocations Group: Mass for Vocations and remembering our Seminarians. On Wednesday 12th November 2025 at St Wulstan Wolstanton. Adoration at 6.30 pm followed by Mass at 7.00 pm. Principal Celebrant Father John Waters.

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