

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Dear Sons and Daughters of God our Heavenly Father,

As his adopted children we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. This weekend it is Vocations Sunday when we pray especially for leaders of faith within the church community. Vocations are God the Father's call to us all. What does he wish for us, and wish for us to do as an expression of his love for us and our love for him? Leadership of many sorts are required. Priests, religious, committed married people, singles who have time to give to the Lord in prayer and work. There are many avenues. Our vocation is to listen to the calls that God gives us as we commit to following him. Remember too that we are all called to holiness!

This Tuesday we Celebrate the Solemn Feast of St George, Martyr, and Patron of England! Let us pray for our country and its well-being this week that working together as a nation we may find stability and security. At this time let us pray for all our young people growing in a world so challenged with modern living. Let us also remember to pray to Our Lady, the patroness of England, her dowry!

Next month is May the time of the Rosary, a time to renew prayerful meditations on the life of Christ. Remember to look at the groups of icons at the back of church, to your right as you look backwards. The twenty mysteries as they are called cover the basic events of the life of her Son Jesus. Know them well and you have a very good basic grasp of the life of Christ. Thank you Our Lady!

Next Thursday school/parish Mass is the Feast Day of St Mark, the gospel writer. His is the shortest gospel of the four, a chance to read and say that you have read a complete gospel. It may be an encouragement reading the other gospels and using them in meditation and prayer.

Please pray for the repose of the soul Chris Davies along with his family and friends. We remember all our faithful departed and pray that they have fulfilled their vocations in life.

Take care and God bless, thank you for all you do!

Father Anton s.c.j.

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

Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton

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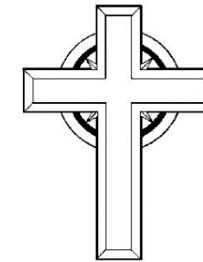
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**Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2**

The Prayer of the Servant Church

**Loving Father, fill us all with your
Presence, in Jesus your Son
May we think with the mind of Christ
See with the eyes of Christ
Speak with the words of Christ
Serve with the hands of Christ
Love with the life of Christ
Who is Our Lord for ever and ever**

Amen

	Ashley	Clayton	
Saturday 20th April Vigil Mass 4th Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 10.00 am	Edward Wenger RIP Nick Heath RIP
Tuesday 23rd April Solemnity of St George		7.15 pm	Eileen Mee and family
Wednesday 24th April	6.45 pm 7.15 pm	10.00am	No Intention Adoration No Intention
Thursday 25th April Feast of St Mark		9.15 am	No Intention (Mass with the School)
Friday 26th April		10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday 27th April		10.00am	Mary Richards
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter		8.15 am 10.00am	Deceased of the Gillard family Nora Lloyd RIP

**Confessions at Clayton on Saturday's 10.30-11.30am.
At Ashley before Saturday 6pm 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.

Please keep Osborn who is to be baptised this weekend and his family in your prayers.

Gift Aid: If you would like to Gift Aid your weekly donations please contact the parish office, or collect a form from the porch.

Lenten Appeal - WaterAid and Mary's Meals: Please return any donations collected throughout Lent to church **by Sunday 28th April.**

Archdiocese of Birmingham Mass for Marriage: An invitation to married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year. Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley. On Saturday 4th May 2024 at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham followed by light refreshments. Please let us know that you are coming by 21st April visit: www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: An evening talk on the Vatican II document Sacrosanctum Concilium (Sacred Liturgy) by Mgr. Timothy Menezes: On Friday 17th May at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Community Centre. (See poster for details)

Readers	Saturday 6pm	20.04.24: H. Brown	27.04.24: S. McKenna	04.05.24: J. Dunlevy
Readers	Sunday 8.15 am	21.04.24: C. Pover	28.04.24: M. Anderson	05.05.24: R. Hartley
Readers	Sunday 10am	21.04.24: A. Hagan/M. Hughes	28.04.24: B. Walker/J. Somers	05.05.24: B. Tierney/R. Gallimore
Counting	Clayton	21.04.24: Whitehurst/ Machin	28.04.24: Grannell	05.05.24: Hagan
Cleaning	Clayton	21.04.24: Group 2	28.04.24: Group 3	05.05.24: Group 4
Cleaning	Ashley	April	H. Brown	J. Dunlevy
Flowers	Ashley	22.04.24: Hazel 29.04.24: Hazel	Clayton	21.04.24: Rosalind 28.04.24: Sujen
Children's Liturgy	21.04.24	Anne/Claire O	28.04.24	Debbie/ Catherine
		Offertory Collections – Thank You		The retiring collection 20 th 21 st April Clergy Training Fund
Gift Aid	Clayton	£125.00	Ashley	£30.00
Cash	Clayton	£323.60	Ashley	£14.70
Standing Orders	Clayton	£430.00	Ashley	£92.00
Total	Clayton	£878.60	Ashley	£136.70

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 concern.

St John of the Cross – Talks by Father Matthew Blake OCD National Director of the Carmelite Secular Order. At St. Wulstan's Catholic School Hall, Wolstanton. (See poster on noticeboard for further details)

Friday 10th May 7.00 pm First Talk
Saturday 11th May 10.00 am Second Talk
Saturday 11th May 3.00 pm Third Talk
Sunday 12th May 3.00 pm Final Talk