

## St Chad's RC Church

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### **NEWSLETTER 1st March 2020. LENT Week 1, Year A.**



#### ***Give me again the joy of your help*** Ps. 50.51)

The struggle with temptation is real but so is God's grace. Temptation is a fact of life, a reality we cannot escape. As St Francis de Sales said, 'There is no place where temptation does not have access'.

God knows we are tempted by many things and in many different ways; no one is exempt, no one immune. The challenge is to learn to know ourselves and identify the areas, situations, people or things which make us vulnerable, weak, exposed and susceptible to falling away from God's grace.

Pope John XXIII said: 'We must recognise that temptation, although coming from without, the grace to resist it is entirely at our disposal and is stronger than temptation.'

Remember, then, that in the heat of temptation God's grace helps us overcome and cling to Christ. (Walk with Me. Lent 2020)

### **MASSES / INTENTIONS**

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>9.15am MASS</b>	Dennis Gray (Anniversary)
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>11am Requiem Mass</b>	Jack Robinson, prior to burial in the churchyard
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	No Mass or Eucharistic Service	
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am MASS</b> 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	Jack & Kitty Coupe (Anniversaries)
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass or Eucharistic Service	
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am MASS</b>	Elizabeth Monk (Birthday memories))

**ROSARY** is said at 8.55am before weekday Mass and Eucharistic Service

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Winifred Baxendale, Rosalia Lakot

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bernard Routledge, Dennis Gerrard, Janet McLaughlin, Elizabeth Peel, Jack Robinson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Catherine Coupe, Richard John Hardman, Dennis Gray

**READER:** Sun 8th March J Thompson /M Scott

**COLLECTION:** Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> : £412.30 incl £261.25 Gift Aided.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Fr Mark will say Mass on Mondays and Thursdays at 9.15am at St Chad's

**WELCOME FR MARK.:** Fr Mark Beattie, our new Parish Priest, is now living in St Chad's Presbytery with his little dog. We offer him a very warm St Chad's welcome and assure him of our prayers and support. Along with our parish, Fr Mark will be serving St Bede's as their Parish Priest also. We are sure he will soon settle in with us and enjoy life in this beautiful part of the Archdiocese.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEANS:** The terms of office of the current Deans expire on 29<sup>th</sup> February. In view of Synod 2020, and the likely restructuring of Pastoral Areas that will ensue, the appointments will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and will be for **one year only**. Fr. Graeme Dunne from St. Gregory's is appointed Dean for the Chorley Pastoral Area.

**'WALK WITH ME'** Leaflets. Copies are available in the porch, at £1 each. They are a Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2020. This year we pay special attention to Mary, given to us as our Mother. On 29<sup>th</sup> March we will again dedicate this land to Mary. She will bring us to Jesus'.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** As in previous years, Stations of the Cross will be held on Thursday evenings at 7pm during Lent beginning Thursday 5th March 2020.

**FAMILY FAST DAY:** Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. CAFOD supports highly trained local experts around the world who help to ensure the good health of the world's poorest families. Sr Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town Health Centre in Zimbabwe, and a trained pharmacist saving lives each and every day. Without support like ours, her brilliant work couldn't continue as funding wouldn't be available. CAFOD wants to train more local experts like Sr Consilia to reach out to more people who need treatment, care and love. Through CAFOD's global church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please pick up your donation envelope from the back of church and bring it back as soon as possible.

**FEASTS:** Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> March St Casimir, Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> March Sts Perpetua and Felicity

**FEAST OF THE WEEK:** St Casimir lived from 1458 to 1484 and was a prince of Poland, born in Krakow. Involved in war in his early years he refused to take up arms against any Christian country. He refused to marry and adopted life of celibacy, devotion and austerity. He was conspicuous in his veneration of the Holy Eucharist and The Blessed Virgin Mary. He died of TB at the age of 26. Miracles were soon reported at his tomb leading to his canonisation by Leo X in 1521. In the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries the Lithuanians sought his supernatural help in conflicts with Russia and he became patron saint of that country.

**RETIRING COLLECTION,** next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Collection of Family Fast Envelopes. As usual the collection will be left open until the end of March.

**ST CHAD'S 200 CLUB:** this aims to provide income for the parish/school levy for our diocesan schools by means of a monthly draw. As the new financial year is about to start, now is the time to renew your shares or take out new ones for the next 12 months. The subscriptions have been increased to £15 this year to cover the cost of the Archdiocesan levy invoice. All shares are entered in a monthly draw which takes place in the school. Money can be paid by cash or cheque and can be given to Mrs Olga Lowe or Mr Peter Hughes, one of the collectors or handed in at the school office. Please make cheques payable to St Chad's School Fund, and print your name, address and telephone number in full on the envelope containing the money. Information leaflets will be handed out after Mass on Sunday.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** Please contact St Joseph's Presbytery (01257 262713) if any member of your family is admitted to Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit. In an emergency the hospital will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Ask any staff member to arrange this.

**RECYCLING:** Please put the following items in the box provided at the back of church. Batteries, computer toners and cartridges, spectacles, old mobile phones, pens and unused Charity bags. These will be passed on to school for recycling. Thank you very much.

**STAMPS FOR DERIAN HOUSE:** Please remember to place used (cut from envelopes) and unwanted postage stamps in the box at the back of church. They go to Derian House where they help to raise funds.

#### **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES**

Baptisms and Marriages are by appointment only. Initial enquiries should be made personally to Fr Mark – 01257 270162.

A minimum of 6 months' notice is needed for a Marriage. If a specific date is required for a Baptism or a Marriage please ensure it is available before making any other arrangements to avoid disappointment.

We always do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes.