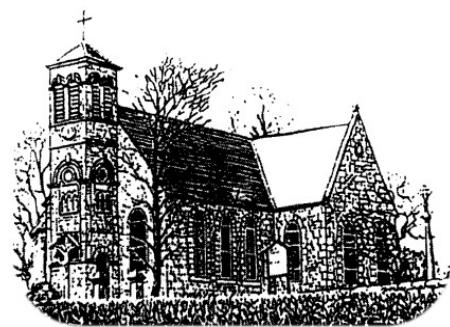


# St Chad's RC Church

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## NEWSLETTER 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Week 5, Year A



### *Your light must shine in the sight of men* Mt 5:13-16

Today's Gospel reminds us that it is essential for the Christian disciple both to be seen and heard. Christianity is not a private religion. Jesus uses a string of images to express this: He wants his disciples to be the salt of the earth. What Jesus emphasises is its distinctive taste. We often judge food by saying it has too little or too much salt. Christians then, by their Gospel-centred lives, are to give a distinctive taste to society.

Jesus goes on to say "You are the light of the world..." He refers to himself as, "the light of the world." We are then called to be and to do what Jesus did for the world. The Gospel message is to shine out through our words and actions. And Jesus speaks of a lamp on a lamp stand. What is the point in lighting a lamp then covering it up? What is the point in getting baptised, joining the Christian community and then becoming completely invisible to others, especially to those who are not Christians?

Let the light that is in us, then, shine brightly so that people may be drawn to God as their Lord. (*Sacred Space*)

### MASSES / INTENTIONS

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> February	NO VIGIL MASS		
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	Winefride & John Eccles (Anniversaries)
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass or Eucharistic Service		
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass or Eucharistic Service		
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass or Eucharistic Service		
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	NO VIGIL MASS		
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.30am</b> <b>1.00pm</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>Baptism</b>	Gertrude Kavanagh Halle Florence Graves

### **Weekend Mass times. PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW ON CHANGE OF TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES**

*Please check newsletters for weekday Mass times.*

**St Chad's: Sunday 10.30am**

**St Joseph's: Harpers Lane: Sat 6.00pm, Sun 8.30am, 4.30pm**

**St Bede's: Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 11.00am**

**St Gregory's: Sun 9.30am, 11.00am, 6.30pm**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am at St Joseph's Harpers Lane, Chorley.

**CHANGES IN WEEKEND MASS TIMES** At the end of February Fr Mark Beattie will be taking up the role of Parish Priest of St Bede's and St Chad's parishes. From the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> Feb / 1<sup>st</sup> March Mass times will be:

Saturday	6.00pm	Vigil Mass at St Bede's		
Sunday	9.15am	Mass at St Chad's	11.00am	Mass at St Bede's

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Turner, Bernard Routledge, Dennis Gerrard

**READER:** Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb E. Humphrey

**COLLECTION** 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb £383.70 including £252.20 Gift Aided.

**CAR KEYS FOUND!!!** A set of keys for a Citroen car have been found at the bottom of a bag of used batteries left in the recycling box at the back of church. If these are yours or someone you know please see Elizabeth Humphrey.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, feast of Blessed Roger Wrenno, patron of the Chorley Pastoral Area. At 6.30pm, in St Mary's church, a celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) will be held to which everyone in the Chorley Pastoral Area is warmly invited. The priests of the Pastoral area will concelebrate. This event, which hopes to bring all parishes together in a common celebration of the Eucharist, is still at the planning stage and, if anyone wishes to become involved please contact Elizabeth Humphrey for more details.

**SYNOD 2020 WORKSHOP:** Theme 4: Building Community, Nurturing Belonging. This final workshop will take place in St Chad's Parish Centre on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm. Please attend if at all possible.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Thank you to all who supported the event last Sunday. £70 was raised for Chorley Help the Homeless for the running costs and the provision of Counselling Services. This has been sent to the Charity along with the food provided by the helpers instead of raffle prizes.

**CAFOD FAMILY DAY** will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Envelopes will be put out shortly along with prayers cards. The emphasis this year will be on health, especially of babies and the poor who live miles away from hospitals.

**NEW MASS ROTAS** beginning Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> are available at the back of church. Please contact Josie with any problems.

**MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020, 7.30pm at Christ the King Church, Childwall. All welcome. A poster on the notice board gives more details.

**CHORLEY CIRCLE CATENIAN LUNCH:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at Shaw Hill. The Circle is subsidising the event so the cost is just £20 per head. All parishioners are invited. To book please email Bill Critchley – [billandpolly.critchley@virgin.net](mailto:billandpolly.critchley@virgin.net) If email is not possible please phone 07801 020227.

**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.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE** organises pilgrimages to Medjugorje throughout the year. Between April and October pilgrimages of 7 nights stays and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split cost £266 per person sharing. A poster at the back of church gives more information or tel 02032398662 or visit [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:** If anyone is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Holy Communion **regularly at home** or can get to **church but has difficulty going** to receive Holy Communion we can help. Please let Josie Noblet or Elizabeth Humphrey know and they will make the necessary arrangements for you.

## FEASTS

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Scholastica, Virgin
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes. Day of Prayer for the sick and those who care for them.
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

**FEAST OF THE WEEK:** Sts Cyril and Methodius were brothers in the 9<sup>th</sup> Century and are now known as the apostles of the Slavs. Born in Eastern Europe they both became priests and went to Constantinople where Cyril was librarian. The emperor sent them to Moravia to evangelise where they began to translate the Liturgy into Slavonic. They met with opposition from the German Bishops and returned to Constantinople. The Pope sent for them, honoured them and consecrated Methodius Archbishop of Sirmium and sent him back to Moravia. Cyril, now a monk, died soon after in 869. Methodius continued working until 885 on Liturgy for the Slavs and uniting the Eastern and Western Christians. Today he is venerated by both groups and is considered to be a patron of Ecumenism.

**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.

**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.

## BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Baptisms and Marriages are by appointment only. Initial enquiries should be made personally to Fr Peter Stanley – 01257 262713. 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.