

# St Chad's RC Church

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## **NEWSLETTER. 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, Year A. 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**



*"Do not be afraid of those who kill the  
body  
but cannot kill the soul"*

-Matthew 10:31

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Winifred Baxendale, Rosalia Lakot. Julie K, Anne Henrys, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Richard Farnworth, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Eileen Farnworth, Helen Witte, Peter Fishwick, Gabrielle

Myerscough, Connie Foy, Mark Smith. The residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Peter Clitheroe, Maria Hawron, Rosalia Lakot and Francis Flood (Bernard's brother) who died recently. May they rest in peace. We pray also for their families that God may comfort them.

**LOCALLY STREAMED MASSES** can be found at [www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk](http://www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk)

If you go to <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk> you will see other churches in our diocese which are webcasting their services.

**OUR LADY'S SHRINE, WALSINGHAM** All Masses, Services, Benediction, Exposition etc are available by 24 /7 live streaming. Three Masses every day and Exposition throughout the night. [www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream/)

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Fr Mark is saying Mass privately each day and invites anyone who would like a Mass to be said for a particular intention to get in touch with him on Tel. No 01257 460154 or by email.

**ISOLATED PARISHIONERS** If you know any parishioner who might be feeling a bit isolated Fr Mark would be very happy to ring them if you think that would help. Please ring Father or send an e-mail. Thanks.

**FOLLOW ST CHAD'S & ST BEDE'S ON FACEBOOK!** We have a group to enable us all to stay more closely in touch with each other, particularly during these days when we do not meet weekly as we've been used to. Everyone is invited to take a look and join if they wish. Look for "Parishes of St Chad & St Bede" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/232935341437045/>

**#YouAreNotAlone** At home shouldn't mean at risk, but sadly for many people the lockdown has meant that they are trapped in isolation with their abuser under a pressurised situation. If you need support please contact the National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247 or [www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk)

**AN UPDATE OF RESOURCES FOR PRAYER** provided by the Archdiocesan Formation Team:

- ◆ Reflection for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download/podcast).
- ◆ Readings for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time.
- ◆ *Counting our Blessings* – a scripture resource exploring real questions in family life.
- ◆ More stories on 'Life during lockdown'.

They would still very much appreciate receiving your short articles (with pictures if possible) and videos – there is a video request at the end of that page. Please share this request so that we can obtain more stories of what's been going on. All can be accessed / downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'

## **JOB VACANCY**

"The Archdiocese is currently seeking to recruit a Schools Officer on a part time basis, working 17.5 hours per week. The salary is £25,652.90 per annum. Informal Enquiries should be directed to Tim Warren, Director for Education on 0151 522 1072. Full details including a job description and application form are available from the job page of the main website at [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/)"

## **CHURCH REOPENING**

The Archbishop has now given permission for St Mary's in Chorley to be open for private prayer, Monday - Saturday, 11am – 1pm beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are waiting for the equipment needed to arrive such as striped tape, signage, hand-gel, face coverings, cleaning supplies etc. We will also need volunteer stewards to be given their instructions.

We are now looking for people from our two parishes to volunteer to help out at St Mary's when it opens.

Volunteers cannot be from a group advised to shield, which means those over about 70 years of age and those with a health condition that puts them at particular risk.

If you think you would be able to help out at St Mary's please contact Fr Francis on 01257 262537. Please let me know how you get on.

It seems quite sensible to open one church building first and see how we get on before opening all our churches. We want to do this as safely as possible.

Any volunteers from our parishes who get experience at St Mary's will be very useful when we have permission to open St Bede's or St Chad's. They will be able to tell us what we need to do.

A big thank you to the people from our parishes who have already generously volunteered to help.

## **FIRST COMMUNIONS**

With an awareness that many of our families would have been celebrating the first communion of their child at around this time the family catechesis resource includes:

- ◆ Sessions for use at home.
- ◆ A guide to ideas and activities that families can do at home.
- ◆ A suggested text of a letter to your first communion families that you may like to use or adapt.

The archbishop will be recording a video specifically for our first communion families that will be available for this weekend.

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

## **RESTORED LIVES PROGRAMME FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED**

The Restored Lives programme that we use in the diocese for the divorced and separated have planned to deliver their summer training conference on the 3rd July using Zoom. It is an ideal opportunity for anyone in the Catholic Church to come and find out more about the course and what's involved in setting one up both online and in person.

Our hope is that by training volunteers to run online courses across the diocese we can still have a network of locally run courses so that once lockdown is lifted guests can easily meet up with each other for ongoing informal mutual support. The need in our communities is huge (applications have tripled since the Restored Lives course online was launched!) and lockdown may have pushed some marriages to completely breakdown.

Cost to attend the training course is just £5 and they have planned to have a breakout session specifically to discuss the delivery of the course in a Catholic context.

You can find more details and tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restored-lives-training-day-2020-tickets-94840330983>

With best wishes,  
Maureen O'Brien, Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life [\*\*\*m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk\*\*\*](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk)

## ***Messages from Fr Mark***

### *Donating to St Chad's via text*

You are now able to donate to St Chad's parish via text. Please follow the instructions below. The donation will be added to your regular mobile telephone bill. Thank you.

Text **STCHAD** to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70085.

Text **STCHAD** to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70450.

Text **STCHAD** to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70460.

Text **STCHAD** to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70470.

**The total donated to St Chad's by text or phone currently stands at £63.36. Many thanks.**

**If you would like to make a donation in support of St Chad's parish please read the following message.**

**St Chad's Online giving website**

Our parish has its own unique link on the website and a photograph of your church is shown to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish. All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor.

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-chad-south-hill-chorley>

There is a detailed guide on how to donate on the website. If you need any support with this please contact [n.smith@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:n.smith@rcaol.org.uk) with details of your telephone number and the most convenient time to call you.

*Any parishioner wishing to make a donation electronically to their parish during lock down is now welcome to get in touch with me. Please e-mail me to either parish e-mail address and I can send you the form. People are also welcome to set up a regular Standing Order using the same form which you can download from this website*

*stchads.chorley@rcaol.org.uk*

*stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk*

***Please say if your donation is for St Bede's or St Chad's.*** You are asked to make sure you attach your name with your donation if you want your gift to be included in the Gift Aid scheme.

*Please don't worry at all if this is not possible for you at the moment. We have really held back from making a big thing about money at a time when people have more important things on their minds. I have been approached by several people about his so I thought it was OK to share it here and on our parish websites.*

Also:

*We have received this notice from our Catholic Hospital Chaplains who have asked us to circulate it to parishioners.*

*" It is important for priests whose parishioners are in COVID-19 wards to encourage families to ask the ward staff to invite one of the Chaplains to visit their loved ones. The hospital will usually ask relatives if there is anything they believe their loved ones would like or need, and that would be the moment for families to tell the hospital staff that their loved one would appreciate the services of one of the Chaplains – for the Sacrament of the Sick, the Commendation of the Dying or Prayers for the Dead. The hospital will often, understandable, not invite the Chaplain onto the ward without being prompted by the families of their patients"*

**Important: Holy Communion whilst in hospital.**

Please contact St. Joseph's Presbytery if any of your family is admitted to Chorley Hospital 01257 262713.

If any family member is admitted to Preston Hospital, please inform the chaplain on 01772 522435.

If any family member is admitted to Wigan Infirmary, please inform the chaplain on 01942 822324.

This request comes from the respective hospital chaplains.

While our parish offices are closed this joint newsletter will be produced for both our parishes and placed on our notice boards and websites.

**BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES**

Baptisms and Marriages are by appointment only. Initial enquiries should be made personally to Fr Mark – **01257 460154**. 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.

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2020, Readings at Mass**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “‘Terror from every side!’ Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

### **Psalm 68:8-10,14,17,33-35**

***In your great love, answer me, O Lord.***

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother’s sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

***In your great love, answer me, O Lord.***

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

***In your great love, answer me, O Lord.***

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

***In your great love, answer me, O Lord.***

### **Second reading: Romans 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’