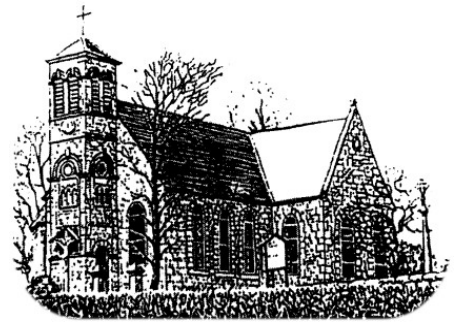
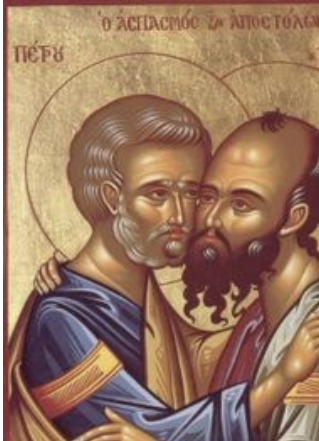


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NEWSLETTER. FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL, Year A. 28th June 2020



"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep"

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 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

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/

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.

CHURCH REOPENING – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear friends,

We have been told that we can open *one* of our two churches from Monday 6th July.

This is only if we can show that we have put everything in place to keep people as safe as we can. We will ask to open St Bede's church first. Once we are told it is OK to do so we will begin gathering for worship again at St Chad's too.

Numbers able to attend Mass will be limited for some time to come.

Every second bench will be taped off to make sure it is not used. People who are not in the same household will be told to keep a safe distance away from everyone else. Stewards will be around to ensure that the rules are followed. A one-way system will be in place in the church.

Mass will be a bit different too. Only the priest will be in the sanctuary area so no readers, servers, special ministers etc.

There will be no singing. Holy Communion will be distributed once the final blessing has been given at the end of Mass. People will be told when to come forward, they will receive Holy Communion in the hand and then make their way straight out of church. The priest will be wearing a visor when he distributes the Blessed Sacrament.

Everyone will be asked to wear a face covering for the whole time that they are in church. Spending half an hour or so in a closed space with other people obviously increases the risk of a virus being passed on so face coverings

to limit any droplets being coughed or breathed out makes good sense. We want to keep each other as safe as we can. We must all play our part in this.

At the beginning of lockdown the obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass on a Sunday was suspended and that is still the case. You do not have to go to church on a Sunday at the moment. It is hoped that some people will choose to attend Mass on a weekday instead of on Sunday if they can. If we spread our congregations across the week there should be a place for everyone who wants to attend Mass each week. If you can attend Mass on a weekday this will make it easier for people who are working during the week to find a place at Mass at the weekend.

If you are being told to 'shield' by your doctor please take this advice seriously. No one should be coming to church at this time if that presents a serious risk to their health.

I'll pass on any more information to you as it comes in.

It is all going to feel a bit strange at first. Let's remember why we are doing all this. It's to keep people as safe as we can. A bit of inconvenience is worth the effort.

After a few weeks the 'new normal' will become less strange. We have to begin somewhere and this is how we will begin.

Let's also remember that coming to Mass, even when things are a bit different, is always a wonderful gift. It is a place of love - God's love for us and our love for God. I know how much many of you have missed being able to be present at Mass. I hope we will all treasure this beautiful meeting with Jesus even more after so long an absence, and see past what is strange and new, to discover in a deeper way the love of God revealed afresh in every celebration of the Eucharist.

May God continue to bless you and all those you love,

Fr. Mark

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 - 0800 2000 247 or www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

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

- Reflection for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.
- 'Forty Days and Forty Nights' - a compilation of eighty ecumenical prayers and reflections.
- Growing Old Grace-fully.
- Activity/reminisce ideas from the Alzheimer's Society, Wigan.

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 Chaplaincy Assistant based at Liverpool Hope University on a part time basis, working 20 hours per week. The salary is £9.15 per hour, paid on a monthly basis. Informal Enquiries should be directed to Fr Stephen Pritchard, on 0151 487 9372 or via email to pritchs@hope.ac.uk. Full details including a job description and application form are available from the job page of the main website at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk" www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

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
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 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

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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 this 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, understandably, 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.

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 Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Psalms 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: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of

righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'