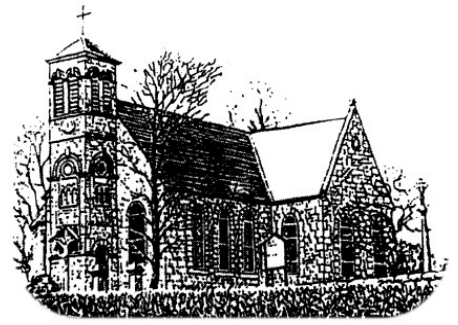


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NEWSLETTER. 16th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, Year A. 19th July 2020



"Let them both grow until the harvest."

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Winifred Baxendale. Julie K, Anne Henrys, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Richard Farnworth, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Eileen Farnworth, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Mark Smith. The residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Rosalia Lakot, Francis Flood (Bernard's brother) and Peter Fishwick. 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/

CHURCHES REOPENING – IMPORTANT NOTICE from Fr Mark

Dear friends,

It has been a difficult and strange few months. I came to serve in the parishes of St Bede and St Chad at the end of February and after just three weekends we had to close our churches and all visiting each other had to stop. Our parishes are certainly a lovely place to be locked down in and I've enjoyed being able to walk the dog around our parishes, but I will be very happy to cautiously start meeting people again and to resume the public celebration of Mass this week. I've been keeping you in my prayers each day, especially during Mass and will continue to do so. During this time many people have rediscovered that God is with us where we are, whether we are able to gather together to pray or not. Our home is a holy place because God makes His home with us, wherever we find ourselves. Next week we will be able to celebrate Mass again at St Bede's and the following week we will be able to do the same at St Chad's.

We have not been told that it is OK to visit people in their homes yet but if things continue to improve, then with God's help, we will be able to bring Holy Communion soon to those unable to come to church.

If you are not in great health or are in one of the "at risk" groups it might be best to take medical advice before returning to church at the moment. If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring me and we can talk it through. 01257 460154.

We are all going to notice changes in the way Mass is celebrated now. The changes are necessary to keep us safe. What doesn't change is the beauty and mercy we witness every time Mass is celebrated. Here God comes lovingly to meet us, His children. He speaks to us heart to heart, and He feeds us as a loving parent feeds their child. We witness God's love afresh at every celebration of the Mass as Jesus tells us that He gives His body and His blood, He gives His life, in love for us. When we witness such a love it inspires us to copy what He has done for us in whatever small ways we can. No amount of face coverings and hand gel can hide the love revealed in every celebration of the Eucharist.

God bless you, and those who are dear to you.

Fr Mark

The public celebration of Mass will cautiously start again this week at St Bede's and in the following week at both St Bede's and St Chad's. Please read on to find the changes that we have to make to help keep us all as safe as we can while attending church.

·Never come to church if you have a high temperature, a new persistent cough or have lost your sense of taste or smell. Call 111 and ask for advice.

·Please note that both our Churches will only have around 30 places available. As places in church are limited we may not be able to accommodate everyone who would like to attend.

·If people come to church with people from their household or "bubble" they will be able to sit together so more people will be able to attend Mass.

·Please follow the instructions of our stewards.

·Please bring a face covering which must be worn while you are in church.

·Please use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving church.

·Follow the signs which indicate a one-way system for moving around church.

·Church will only open ten minutes before Mass begins.

·Holy Communion will be distributed at the very end of Mass and you will walk directly out of church after receiving Holy Communion.

·Do not gather in groups outside church before or after Mass.

·The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been suspended. If you are able please attend Mass on a weekday to leave room for those who are working and can only attend Mass at the weekend.

·We are required to take contact details, (name and telephone number), of everyone who attends Mass, for the government track and trace programme. If you are able to bring your contact details on a piece of paper and drop it into the box at the entrance to church that would be a help.

·Entry to church through the presbytery is currently suspended.

·The sacristy is closed to the parish. Only the priest should be handling the things we need for Mass.

·There will be no ministries exercised during Mass until further notice apart from the priest. There will be no readers, music, Little Church, special ministers of Holy Communion, collectors etc.

Public Mass will be celebrated in St Bede's Church this week as follows:

Monday 20th July	9.15am
Tuesday 21st July	9.15am
Thursday 23rd July	9.15am
Friday 24th July	9.15am
Saturday 25th July	6pm
Sunday 26th July	11am

The following week Masses will be celebrated both at St Bede's and St Chad's:

Monday 27th July	9.15am at St Chad's
Tuesday 28th July	9.15am at St Bede's
Thursday 30th July	9.15am St Chad's
Friday 31st July	9.15am at St Bede's
Saturday 1st August	6pm at St Bede's
Sunday 2nd August	9.15am St Chad's
	11am at St Bede's

Masses will continue to be streamed on our parish Facebook Page (look for 'Parishes of St Chad and St Bede' and request to join the group) and at St Gregory's Church (go to www.stgregorychorley.org.uk).

Mass Intentions.

Thank you to those who were able to request that their intentions be remembered at Mass over the past few months. All the intentions we received have now been celebrated. If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention please drop a note through the letter-box of either presbytery or telephone Fr. Mark on 01257 460154. Thank you.

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 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

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

- Reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- Meet the team.
- Further updates to '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'

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

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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.

Readings for Sunday, 19th July 2020

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 Wisdom 12:13,16-19

You will grant repentance after sin

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R/ O Lord you are good and forgiving

O Lord you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice **R/**

All nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord
For you are great and so marvellous deeds **R/**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R/**

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: *I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.* Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

