

St.Chad's & St Bede's Newsletter 26th July 2020

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Prayers of the Church Week 1

Mass Times

Mon 27th July 9.15am St. Chad's
Tues 28th July 9.15am St. Bede's Kathleen Magee (RIP)
Thurs 30th July 9.15am St. Chad's
Fri 31st July 9.15am St. Bede's Daniel Magee sick with virus
Sat 1st August 6pm St. Bede's
Sun 2nd August 9.15am St Chad's. 11 am St Bede's

Feasts

Wed. St Martha
Thurs. St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop
Fri. St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Sat. St. Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop

Volunteers needed

If anyone would like to volunteer as a steward or a cleaner during and after Masses please ring the parish office for more details.

Mass Offering: If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention for yourself or a friend, please ring the parish office.

Please pray for our sick and housebound: Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Winifred Baxendale, Julie K, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Richard Farnworth, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Eileen Farnworth, Helen Witte, Connie Foy and 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), Peter Clitheroe, Peter Fishwick and Anne Henrys, who died recently. May they rest in peace. We pray also for their families that God may comfort them.

Lourdes at Home: we invite you all to join with us as we make our pilgrimage at home, through live streamed Masses and services. They begin on Saturday 25th July with a opening Mass 2pm. They continue throughout the week and Fr. Mark will be saying a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11am on Friday 31st July. The live-streamed services can be accessed through the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/Liverpool-Lourdes-at-Home-2020-109541120834991>

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.

Dear Friends,

It was a great relief to be able to welcome people to Mass again this week. We will continue to cautiously resume the public celebration of Mass by reopening St Chad's this Monday. Things are certainly a bit strange with the precautions we have to put in place to keep each other as safe as we can, but we will quickly get used to the new way of doing things. Many of our parishioners will not wish to come back to attending Mass again at the moment so we will continue to live-stream our Masses on our parish Facebook page. Look for "parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group. If you require any information, please ring me on 01257 460154. I would be very happy to hear from more of our parishioners.

The office at St Bede's is now open again on Thursday and Friday. Clare will be happy to take enquiries for both our parishes on 01772 335209.

Baptisms, funerals and weddings can now take place again in our churches. Numbers attending are strictly limited to 30 people and face coverings must be worn by everyone in the church. Please call us if you would like to know more.

I would like to remind everyone that we are not obliged to attend Mass on Sunday at the present time. If you can attend Mass on a weekday that might leave more room at the weekend for those who are working during the week. Thank you.

I continue to keep you all in my prayers. God bless, Fr Mark

Sunday 26th July 2020. 17th Sunday of Year A.

First reading: A reading from the First Book of Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 118: R/ Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

R/ Lord, how I love your law!

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.

R/ Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts and hate false ways.

R/ Lord, how I love your law!

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

R/ Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading: A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'