

Parishes of St. Bede's, Clayton Green & St. Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods

Sunday 9th August. 2020



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Masses this week

9th August 2020

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Church: Week 3

Sunday 9 th August	St Chad's 9.15am & St Bede's 11am
Monday 10 th August	St Chad's 9.15am
Tuesday 11 th August	St Bede's 9.15am Thanksgiving
Wednesday 12 th August	NO MASS
Thursday 13 th August	St Chad's 9.15am
Friday 14 th August	St Bede's 9.15am Kathryn Kerr (RIP),
Saturday 15 th August	St Bede's 6pm Peggy O'Connor (RIP)
Sunday 16 th August	St Chad's 9.15am & St Bede's 11am Parishioners

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. Residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Home & Brookhaven.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Rosalia Lakot, Francis Flood, Peter Fishwick and Anne Henrys, who died recently. May they rest in peace. We pray also for their families that God may comfort them.

Congratulations to Norma, Natalie and Stephen who were received into Full Communion with the Church on Saturday at St Bede's after having to wait since Easter to go ahead with the ceremony. We are delighted to welcome you as full members of our parish family.

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 522998. This request comes from the respective chaplains.

Funerals, baptisms and weddings have now resumed in both our parishes. There is a government limit of 30 people in the church for these services and face coverings must be worn. Please contact us if you would like more information. Thank you.

Dear friends,

Thank you for keeping the new rules about social distancing in Church so well. Our cautious re-opening has gone very well and the work of our stewards and cleaners is greatly appreciated. Thank you for giving your name and telephone number to us as you arrived at Church today. We need this information for the government "test and trace". Each week we will add new names to our list so that in future you will only need to be ticked in by one of our volunteers as you arrive. We do need to take extra care at the back of our churches to keep socially distant. It is very natural to want to talk to friends, especially if we haven't seen them for a while, but we need to keep each other as safe as we can by keeping our distance when inside. God bless, Fr Mark

Our Parish Records need to be updated.

Recent changes in data protection legislation mean that we are unable to store your personal details or to contact you by telephone or e-mail or post without your written consent.

We have left forms at the back of our churches for you to take away and complete, then return to us when you can. If you know any parishioners who are not able to attend Mass at the moment but who are a part of our parish community, please pass on a form to them too. This would have been a very valuable resource for the parish during lockdown, but hopefully we can learn as we go along and get better at keeping in touch. Thank you.

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. If you are able to minister as a reader at any Masses, please let us know. Thank you.

Mass from our parishes is streamed on our Facebook page: "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

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

Parish catechists. The Archdiocese is organising a 'zoom meeting' for parish catechists involved with preparation for Baptism and First Holy Communion on Friday, 14th August, 11am to 12.30pm. It is a chance to hear what other parishes are hoping to do and to air some of our concerns. If any catechists would like to attend the meeting on-line, please ring Fr Mark and he will register you with the pastoral formation team.

Fr Mark will be on holiday from 17th August to 7th September enjoying the delights of the British seaside. Fr Julius, who is currently studying in Rome, will be with us while Fr. Mark is away. Fr Julius doesn't drive and will need help moving between our two churches and carrying out his priestly ministry. If you are able to volunteer, please let Fr Mark know and we can give Fr Julius a few names he can call when he needs help. Fr Julius has previously supplied at St Gregory's in Chorley, so he knows the area quite well already.

It may not be possible to continue to stream our masses on Facebook while Fr Mark is away. If we have a 'tech savvy' parishioner who knows how to stream live on Facebook and could help with streaming our services, could they have a chat with Fr Mark this week please to see what we can do while he is away? Thank you.

St Bede's Presbytery

During lockdown Fr Victor Walter, a priest of the Wrexham Diocese, began ministry at Wymott and Garth prisons. He is currently living in St Bede's Presbytery. We can officially welcome him now and hope he will be very happy living among us. We ask all our parishioners to remember that the presbyteries are someone's home. Clare, our parish administrator, is also working in the office at St Bede's and the regulations about safe working during the pandemic are very clear. We are keeping contact with other people inside our buildings to a minimum. Access to the presbyteries must be restricted to essential business until further notice. Thank you.

The Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, 15th August, falls on Saturday this year. The celebration of this great feast day will be kept at our Sunday Masses next weekend.

Readings for Sunday 9th August 2020.

A reading from the First Book of Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *R/*

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *R/*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *R/*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The gospel of the Lord.