

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

Sunday 6th September 2020

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Masses this week

6th September 2020 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer of the Church: Week 3

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| Sunday 6 th September | St Chad's 9.15am | St Bede's 11am | Parishioners of both parishes |
| Monday 7 th September | St Chad's 9.15am | | |
| Tuesday 8 th September | NO Mass | | |
| Wednesday 9 th September | NO MASS | | |
| Thursday 10 th September | St Chad's 9.15am | | |
| Friday 11 th September | St Bede's 9.15am | Maya Holmes | |
| Saturday 12 th September | St Bede's 6pm | | Parishioners of both parishes |
| Sunday 13 th September | St Chad's 9.15am | St Bede's 11am | |

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention for yourself or a member of your family or a friend, please pick up the '**Mass Intention Request Envelopes**' at the back of church. The Mass stipend is minimum £5 per Mass intention.

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, Neil Wilson and Mark Smith. The residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

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.

Feast Days:

Tuesday 8th Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday 9th St. Peter Claver, Priest
Friday 4th St. Cuthbert.

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. If you have to come back into church after Mass for any reason, please wait until everyone has left before doing so to avoid bumping into someone in the doorway.

God bless,

Fr Mark

Our Parish Records need updating

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.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to **help with the flowers** at St Bede's. A couple of our volunteers have had to step down recently. We are very grateful for the long service they have given to the parish. If you would like to know more about being part of our flower team, 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.

Fr Mark will be back from holiday on the 7th September. We offer a big **thank you to Fr Julius**, who has look after the two parishes whilst Fr. Mark has been away and hope he has enjoyed his time with us.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available the back of St Chad's Church. Please take care to only handle your own box of envelopes when taking them. We hope the St Bede's envelopes will be available soon. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering to your Church, please let us know and we can send you a form that you give to your bank. You can also donate to your parish via bank transfer. Details of how to do this are on our parish websites and notice boards. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Children

Please keep in your prayers the children who are still waiting to make their First Holy Communion this year, and their families. All the families involved will be sent a letter soon after the children return to school in September, explaining what arrangements we hope to make for our First Holy Communion Masses, when celebrating in Church will be easier.

Readings for Sunday 6th September 2020

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:

for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord:

Consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'