

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

Sunday 4th October 2020



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Masses this week

4th October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

Prayer of the Church: Week 3

Saturday 3 rd October	St Bede's 6pm	Our First Holy Communion Families
Sunday 4 th October	St Chad's 9.15am	Sick and Housebound Parishioners
	St Bede's 11am	Parishioners
Monday 5 th October	St Chad's 9.15am	Ellen Gardner (RIP)
Tuesday 6 th October	St Bede's 9.15am	Philip Wright
Wednesday 7 th October	NO MASS	
Thursday 8 th October	St Chad's 9.15am	Sick and Retired Clergy Intentions
Friday 9 th October	St Bede's 9.15am	Josephine Griffiths
Saturday 10 th October	St Bede's 6pm	Damien O'Brien
Sunday 11 th October	St Chad's 9.15am	Parishioners
	St Bede's 11am	Maria Reynolds

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Winifred Baxendale, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Richard Farnworth, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Eileen Farnworth, Helen Witte, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates and Mark Smith. The residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Brookhaven. and Meadow Bank Nursing Homes

We pray too for those who have died recently and for their families. Ellen Gardner, Neil Wilson, John Corcoran.

Live streaming of our Masses: Mass from our parishes is being streamed on our Facebook page. Go to Facebook and look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group. **Fr Mark would very much appreciate some technical assistance** from anyone with expertise in streaming to the internet. If anyone thinks they can help, please let him know. Thank you.

Helping us pray: At www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk you will see other churches in our diocese which are streaming their services. Each week the Archdiocese provides good resources to help us to pray with the readings used at weekend Masses. Go to www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/ and click on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: At present we are not permitted to celebrate this sacrament in the confessional. If anyone would like to make their confession, please telephone Fr Mark and we can make an appointment to meet outside.

The Funeral Mass for John Corcoran will be celebrated on Friday 9th October at St Chad's. As places are limited due to Covid-19 regulations attendance is by invitation only. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

Wrap up for Mass. In the coming months we will still need to keep our doors open to allow the air in church to circulate. It is going to feel a bit colder during Mass. We will still keep all our services to under 30 minutes in line with current Covid regulations. If you can please try to arrive no more than 15 minutes before Mass starts unless you are acting as a steward. It is a help if people fill up from the front benches in both our churches and at St Bede's to use the benches on the right-hand side of the church. This will allow people who arrive in church after you to find a bench near the door. Please remember to keep a one metre distance from other people when leaving Church. Thank you.

This Friday, 9th October, our parish is keeping CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. We are asked to go without some item of food or drink we might normally enjoy and give the money saved to help the poorest of our brothers and sisters around the world. Please pray for all those affected and donate by using one of the envelopes after Mass. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or you can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. (*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate.*)

First Holy Communion: Please keep in your prayers the children who are still waiting to make their First Holy Communion this year, and their families. If you have a child who has now started Year 4 of Primary School and is in a school other than St Bede's or St Chad's please let us know if you would like them to make their Holy Communion in 2021. After consultation with our headteachers we have reluctantly decided to postpone our 2020 First Holy Communion until May 2021 when we hope things might be a little more "normal" again. Some families have requested a date for this year and we are very happy to make this possible. If you would like your child currently in year 5 to make their First Holy Communion this year under the current restrictions, please call Fr Mark on 01257 460154 and we can make that possible. Thank you.

New COVID-19 Regulations: From 28th September until further notice only 4 adults may be present at a baptism. With the minister and the child being baptised this keeps those present within the rule of six. Funerals are limited to 30 people attending and 15 people may be present at a wedding. We have also been told that Holy Communion may not be taken to people in their homes at the present time. Please ring Fr. Mark on 01257 460154 if you are currently unable to attend Mass and would like to keep in touch with the parish. It would be great to hear from you.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid envelopes are now available the back of our churches. Please try to touch only your own box when you take them. 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.

If you pay tax in the UK and would be prepared to make your weekly offering through Gift Aid, we have forms available to fill in at the back of our churches. It is a big help if you complete this form as we receive back from the government any tax you have paid on your donation to church which is a big help to our parish funds. Thank you.

Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank urgently need new volunteers to help their important work. They need clerical support, volunteer drivers, and help checking food donations and filling bags. Donations of food and money are also needed. Please text 07811457866 or e-mail geoff.bctfb36@gmail.com if you are able to offer any help.

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.

Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation: The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday 12th October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk

Sunday 4th October 2020 Readings at Mass.

1st reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R/ The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. ***R/***

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. ***R/***

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. ***R/***

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. ***R/***

2nd reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'