

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

Sunday 11th October 2020

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**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group

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## Masses this week

11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.	Prayer of the Church: Week 4
Saturday 10 <sup>rd</sup> October	St Bede's 6pm	Damien O'Brien
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	St Chad's 9.15am	Parishioners
	St Bede's 11am	Maria Reynolds
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	St Chad's 9.15am	Kathleen O'Malley (RIP)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	St Bede's 9.15am	Maya Holmes
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	NO MASS	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Chad's 9.15am	Helena Bradley (RIP)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St Bede's 9.15am	Eileen Farnworth
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	St Bede's 6pm	Derek Shirtcliffe (RIP)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Chad's 9.15am	Charlie Newport (RIP)
	St Bede's 11am	Parishioners

### **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, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**We pray too for those who have died recently and for their families.** Kathleen O'Malley, Helena Bradley.

**COVID-19 Regulations:** 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 more in touch with the parish. It would be great to hear from you even if just for a chat on the phone.

**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. We need to put a wi-fi transmitter into Church to get a better signal and to allow us to use a better camera. If anyone thinks they can help, please let him know. Thank you.

**Helping us pray:** At [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://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/](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/) and click on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

**More stewards are needed for our weekend and weekday Masses.** If anyone would like **to volunteer as a steward or a cleaner** during and after Masses, please ring the parish office or Fr Mark for more details. Also if you are able to minister as a reader at any Masses, please let us know. It looks like we are going to need stewards for some time to come so more volunteers will make things a bit easier for our helpers. Thank you.

**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 on 01257 460154 and we can arrange to meet outside one of our churches.

**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.

**At Masses this weekend we will take a collection for 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. Please pray for all those affected and donate by using one of the envelopes after Mass and please use the Gift Aid form if you can to increase the value of your donation. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://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.*) Any envelope marked "CAFOD" can always be left in the weekly collection basket and will be sent on to the right place. Thank you.

**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.

**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](mailto:geoff.bctfb36@gmail.com) if you are able to offer any help.

**Synod 2020.** Next weekend, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021. On Synod Sunday the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website. Over the following weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be. [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Readings at Mass**

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that

he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord

### **Responsorial Psalm**

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.***

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.***

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.***

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever  
and ever.

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.***

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him he gave power to  
become children of God. Alleluia!

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those

who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

