

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

Sunday 8th November 2020

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*Dear Friends,*

*It was with real sadness that we heard last weekend that our churches would be closed again during the month of November. Only funeral Masses and funeral services can take place in church during this time with a restriction of 30 people attending. We are still taking bookings for baptisms in December hoping that they will be able to go ahead when current restrictions are lifted.*

*Our parishes are still here. If you need any help or information please telephone or e-mail me. I would be very happy to hear from you, even just to hear how you are getting on.*

*I try to remember that the difficulty we are going through is for a good purpose. We are trying to protect the most vulnerable in our communities from what might be a very serious illness for them. Even though we are unable to gather for prayer our faith shows itself in how we look after each other and in what we can do to support those who are struggling.*

*If anyone would like to volunteer as a steward so that we can open our churches for private prayer please ring me or e-mail with your contact details over the next few days. New volunteer stewards are very welcome. When we are able to make a rota for our stewards and open for private prayer we will display the times here.*

*Let's continue to keep each other in our prayers.*

*We pray for our health workers and for all who are sick.*

*We pray for the scientists who are working for a cure and a vaccine to end the pandemic.*

*We ask God to bless the work of those caring for the poor and disadvantaged in our communities and across the world.*

*We pray for all who are struggling with isolation and separation from those they love.*

*We pray for all the staff and families connected to our parish schools.*

*I've included in this newsletter the readings for Mass this weekend. I know that many of us would, under normal circumstances, be attending a Remembrance Day service this weekend. We have been asked to make our act of remembrance at home so I've included some extracts from a Remembrance Day service here that you might like to use.*

*I'm keeping you all in my prayers each day.*

*God bless,*

*Fr Mark*

## Masses this week

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020      Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year A.

Prayer of the Church: Week 4

**Masses are streamed on our Facebook Page at 11am each day  
and are available to watch later.**

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Roger Haylock (In Memory)
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parishioners living and dead
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Pious List
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Pious List
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	NO MASS
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Pious List
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parishioners living and dead
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Gordon & Rose-Marie Dugdale
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Annie & Harold Ainsworth (Anniversary)

### ***Prayer of Spiritual Communion***

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

#### **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, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mena Shaw, Therese Roe and Mark Smith. The residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**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 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. **Mass will hopefully be streamed on this page each morning at 11am during lockdown. Now and again it may be at a different time but I'll keep you posted when that will be on the Facebook page.**

If you don't use Facebook or if you fancy a bit of a change now and again you can use this site

<https://www.churchservices.tv/county/lancashire/>

to find lots of other Masses being streamed. Follow the link below to see Mass streamed from St Joseph's, Chorley, St Gregory's, Leyland St Mary's, and Browndedge St Mary's.

**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'.

If you go to this website you will find resources to help our children pray on Sundays. There are other good sites out there too.

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21501/08-nov-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21546/08-nov-2020-colouring-sheet.pdf>

**Throughout the November, the month of the Holy Souls, we remember in our prayers especially those who have died.** We are still gathering names of those who have died for our "Pious List" who will be remembered in Masses in both our churches throughout November. We are honouring Mass Intention requests for November that have already been handed in, but all other Masses will be offered for the names on our list.

If you wish to include anyone on our Pious List, please write their name on a piece of paper and hand it in through the door of either Presbytery using an envelope marked "**Pious List**". You may also include a donation for the parish. If you use our parish Gift Aid envelopes, please write your envelope number on your envelope and we can claim the Gift Aid for your donation. Thank you.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** At present due to Covid 19 restrictions 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.

**Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank** the volunteers and recipients of the foodbank wish to thank all the parishioners for their continuing support in providing a wide range of good quality food. Donations can still be made at Morrisons in Bamber-Bridge. Your generosity enables us to deliver essential food items to nearly thirty families. We are now in a good position to offer help to more families and individuals in need. We cover Bamber Bridge, Clayton Brook, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. If you need food or know of anyone who needs support with food, please contact [tony.bctfb42@gmail.com](mailto:tony.bctfb42@gmail.com) or telephone 07751361960



## **Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal**

As part of The Christmas Joy Project, co-ordinated by Chorley Borough Council, most of the Catholic schools and Parishes in Chorley, have committed to collecting new toys for distribution to families in Chorley. If you want to donate new toys, then please wrap them in Christmas wrapping paper and label them as M, F or N (for Neutral) and the appropriate age range and bring them into church when we are open again.

Whenever you need your donations to be picked up please email Chorley Buddies on [chorleybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:chorleybuddies@hotmail.com) and we will attempt to be there the next day. But please be patient if it takes us longer.

*Chorley Buddies, a part of the SVP National Network, will collect the toys from Church and distribute to families who might need some help this Christmas.*



## Synod 2020 – Proposal Voting Explained

You spoke, we listened, we fed back, we made our proposals. NOW it's time to vote.

**Please take the chance to have your say on-line**

You can make your views known on-line at  
<https://forms.gle/hoDT27vz7kap4fRu9>

Voting starts on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.  
 Votes MUST be in by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.



**Here are some examples of proposals people have made in the consultation process. Do you think they should go forward or not?**

*The Synod proposes that the Archdiocese initiate a process that ensures women are equal, valued and heard.*

*The Synod proposes that ways are found to support and value the sick and housebound as praying members of our communities.*

*The Synod proposes that parishes find ways to involve the gifts of young people in liturgical celebration.*

*The Synod proposes that Innovative ways be found to create links between school and parish.*

*The Synod proposes that an Archdiocesan ministry to the LGBTQI community be developed. The Synod proposes that the Archdiocese, in collaboration with local communities and ecumenical partners, undertake an innovative review of the buildings we have in our parishes with a view to their better use to serve the mission of the Church.*

**Make sure your voice is heard. Vote on the Synod proposals!**

Go to [www.synod2020.co.uk/proposals](http://www.synod2020.co.uk/proposals) for more information about this new stage of our Synod 2020 journey.

### Our Synod Prayer

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
 We thank you for the gift of the Church,  
 through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.  
 As we journey together to Synod 2020  
 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.  
 May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.  
 Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.  
 Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways  
 to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Readings at Mass**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen, and  
found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she  
makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully  
grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will  
quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking  
for those who are worthy of her and graciously  
shows herself to them as they go, in every  
thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

***For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

***For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

***For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.***

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

***For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.***

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

***For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.***

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about  
those who have died, to make sure that you do not  
grieve about them, like the other people who have  
no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose

again, and that it will be the same for those who  
have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.  
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,  
that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's  
coming will not have any advantage over those  
who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of  
the archangel will call out the command and the  
Lord himself will come down from heaven; those  
who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and  
then those of us who are still alive will be taken up  
in the clouds, together with them; to meet the  
Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for  
ever. With such thoughts as these you should  
comfort one another.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour when the Son  
of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The  
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten  
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet  
the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five  
were sensible: the foolish ones did take their  
lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the  
sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their  
lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew  
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was  
a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet  
him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and  
trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to  
the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our  
lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may  
not be enough for us and for you; you had better  
go to those who sell it and buy some for  
yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the  
bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went  
in with him to the wedding hall and the door was  
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord,  
Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he  
replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So  
stay awake, because you do not know either the  
day or the hour.'

## **A time of prayer for Remembrance Sunday**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### ***Lamentations 3.21-23***

This I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.

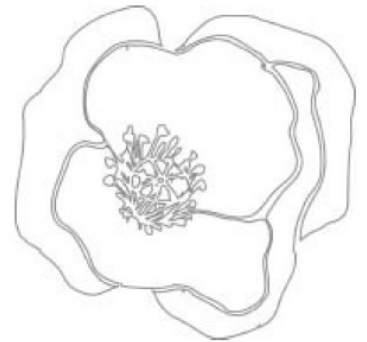
### ***Isaiah 40.31***

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew  
their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary  
they shall walk and not faint.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.  
We pray for all  
who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of  
fighting and terror.

### **REMEMBERING**

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.



### **TWO MINUTE SILENCE**

### ***Prayer***

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace

for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For all who have lost their lives in war and conflict we pray:

**Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**

**Our Father ...**

**Hail Mary ...**

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the State and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all and remain with us always. **Amen**