

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

Sunday 15th November 2020

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Dear Friends,

Our Gospel passage this weekend reminds us that we are all chosen and gifted by God. Each of us has been entrusted with something that we can use to show our gratitude to the One who has blessed us. Today, even though things are tough, we could count our blessings and humbly acknowledge what we owe to God. We could take a moment to list the things in our lives that we are most grateful for, the people who make our lives richer and the good things we enjoy but sometimes take for granted. Perhaps we can look beyond our own

circumstances too and list some of the good things that are happening in our world – signs that the Holy Spirit is still at work bringing about God's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.

I don't know who it was now, but I remember once hearing a priest end Mass with the words, "may almighty God bless you, and make you a blessing to everyone you meet". The servants in the parable were asked to use what their master had given them, not keep it hidden away where it could do no good. When we remember how blessed we are it might make us a little more ready when God asks us to make a difference in someone else's life.

If you haven't done so yet, there is still time to have your say about the proposals which might go forward to our Synod next year. This is part of being good stewards of the Church God has entrusted to our care. The deadline for letting us know your views is this Wednesday, 18th November. Details of how to get involved are in this newsletter.

I've included in this newsletter the readings for Mass this weekend. I'm keeping you all in my prayers each day.

God bless,

Fr Mark

Masses this week

15th November 2020

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.

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

Saturday 14 th November	Gordon & Rose-Marie Dugdale
Sunday 15 th November	Annie & Harold Ainscough (Anniversary)
Monday 16 th November	Pious List
Tuesday 17 th November	Pious List
Wednesday 18 th November	NO MASS
Thursday 19 th November	Pious List
Friday 20 th November	Parishioners living and dead
Saturday 21 st November	Pious List
Sunday 22 nd November	Parishioners living and dead

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.

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.

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.

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 (suitable socially distanced) outside one of our churches.

Mass offerings.

If you would like Mass to be offered for someone please write their name on an envelope and put it through the door of either presbytery. You might like to include an offering for the upkeep of your parish. If you leave your contact details we can let you know when the Mass will be offered. If you use our parish gift aid envelopes please include your envelope number and we can claim back the tax you have paid on your donation. If it's not possible for you to get to deliver a Mass intention request please ring Fr Mark and we will offer the Mass in the normal way. Through November Masses are offered for the names on our Pious List but Mass intentions are being taken for December. 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'.

If you go to these websites you will find resources to help our children pray on Sundays.
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21505/15-nov-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21548/15-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.

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 Morrison's 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 or telephone 07751361960

If you would like to make a donation in support of St Chad's parish please read the following message. Thank you.

St Chad's Online giving website: Our parish has its own unique link on the website and a photograph of your church is shown to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish. All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor.

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-chad-south-hill-chorley>

There is a detailed guide on how to donate on the website. If you need any support with this please contact n.smith@rcaol.org.uk with details of your telephone number and the most convenient time to call you.

Donating to St Chad's via text. You are now able to donate to St Chad's parish via text. Please follow the instructions below. The donation will be added to your regular mobile telephone bill. Thank you.

Text **STCHAD** to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70085.

Text **STCHAD** to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70450.

Text **STCHAD** to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70460.

Text **STCHAD** to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **STCHADNOINFO** to 70470.



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 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.

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IT'S OUR
37th
YEAR

CAFOD
VIRTUAL
FUN RUN
LIKE NO OTHER

**SUNDAY 27TH
DECEMBER 2020**

Join this year's virtual event by running, walking or toddling 5k in your local area. Tag **#CAFODFunRun** on your social media with your Fun Run photos and [make a donation to our just giving page.](#)

Charity number: 1160384
Collect as many sponsors as you can

For further details [visit our JustGiving page](#) or contact liverpool@cafod.org.uk
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/funrunlikenoother>

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 1st November.
Votes MUST be in by Wednesday 18th 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 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 15th November 2020 Readings at Mass

First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"