

# Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green and St Chad, South Hill

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th December 2020



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**St Bede's Parish office is open this week on Tuesday 10am-2pm and Thursday 10am-1pm.**

**Telephone: 01772 335209**

**St Chad's telephone (to speak to Fr Mark) 01257 460154**

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk)

[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

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

**email:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk) or  
[stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk)



## Christmas Masses

As places in our churches are still restricted, **we are asking people to reserve places at our Masses over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year.**

We are currently not obliged to attend Mass, and we understand that people may not wish to be in a large group in Church at the moment. We hope that some people might attend Mass and visit the crib at some time when things are quieter during Christmas week to spread out our numbers attending over more than one day. **Please let others who normally attend Mass at Christmas know that we are asking them to reserve their place this year or they may be disappointed.**

**To reserve a place please telephone Clare at St Bede's office on 01772 335209. She will be taking bookings for Masses at both our churches between 10am and 3pm on Tuesday and on Thursday 10am-1pm. After this no further bookings can be taken.**

Clare will need a contact telephone number for someone in your group and to know how many people will be with you. You can only sit in a bench with someone who is in your "bubble" over the Christmas holiday.

### Mass times will be as follows.

<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>5pm St Bede's</b>	<b>6.30pm St Chad's</b>	<b>8pm St Bede's</b>
<b>Christmas Day:</b>	<b>9.15am St Chad's</b>	<b>11am St Bede's</b>	
<b>Boxing Day:</b>	<b>Midday at St Chad's</b>	<b>Vigil Mass 6pm at St Bede's</b>	



## Masses this week

20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B.

Prayer of the Church: Week 4

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	St. Bede's	Cramford & Heys Family's
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Ormisher Family (RIP)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Anne Wilson (Anniversary)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am	St. Bede's	Eric & Ann Wood (RIP)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December		NO MASS	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm	St. Bede's	Florence & William Nickson
	6.30pm	St. Chad's	Frank & Cicely Billington
	8pm	St. Bede's	Elizabeth & Robert Gardner
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Midday	St. Chad's	
	6pm	St. Bede's	Brian Torevell (RIP)
			<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Suzanne Leigh (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	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, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Helen Witte, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Clare Yarwood and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently and for their families.

Barry Hiccox, Josie Noblet and Therese Roe. ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.***

**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 outside one of our churches.

### 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 be streamed on this page at the Mass times shown above.**

You can use this site <https://www.churchservices.tv/county/lancashire/> to find lots of other Masses being streamed. Follow the link to see Mass streamed from St Joseph's, Chorley, St Gregory's, Leyland St Mary's, and Brownedge 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'.

The images for the O Antiphons from 17 – 23 December which could be displayed on windows or as decorations on a tree can be downloaded from the Prayer and Other Resources Website.

The O Antiphons are available for each day as video clips (that last no more than about 3 minutes) on the above website in addition to O Antiphon prayer/graphics.

**If you go to this website, you will find resources to help our children pray with the bible readings for Sunday.**

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21896/20-dec-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21549/20-dec-2020-colouring-sheet.pdf>

**The Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory 2021 has arrived. We have been sent ten copies for our two parishes. If anyone would like to buy one for £3.50 please let us know and we can get one to you.**

**Christmas joy appeal:** SVP Chorley (of which Chorley buddies is a part) are offering a phone call over Christmas to anyone who is lonely. All volunteers are DBS checked. For more information, please email [chorleybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:chorleybuddies@hotmail.com) or telephone 01257 542367.

**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](mailto:tony.bctfb42@gmail.com) or telephone 07751361960

### God of joy

God of joy  
Remind me to rejoice  
Wrapped up in my Christmas gifts  
Tied down in my debts  
I have forgotten

God of peace  
Remind me of your calm  
In my anxiety  
And in my haste  
I have forgotten



God of all, remind me  
Of the true light of Christmas  
Of your gift shared  
In my own wants  
And in my own needs  
I have forgotten

Wrapped up in my little world  
Remind me of your world  
God of joy, remind me  
To rejoice  
Amen.

*Linda Jones/CAFOD*

## **Readings for Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### **A reading from the Second Book of 2 Samuel**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"'

### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Psalm 88**

**R/ I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R/**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages. **R/**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."

I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.' **R/**

### **A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans**

**16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Word of the Lord**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his

reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.