

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

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 6th December 2020



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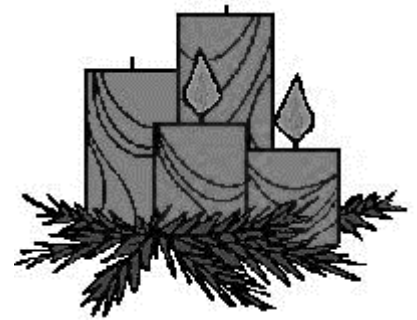
Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk

www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bedes"
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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. It is sad that we have to do this, but we want to keep everyone safe and to avoid disappointing anyone. There will be as many Masses as are needed, provided we have enough volunteer stewards and cleaners to open our churches for Mass safely.

We are currently not obliged to attend Mass, and we understand that many people may not wish to be in a large group in Church at the moment. It is hoped 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.

Bookings will be taken from Tuesday 8th December. 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 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please call during these times.

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.

Christmas Eve:	5pm St Bede's	6.30pm St Chad's	8pm St Bede's
Christmas Day:	9.15am St Chad's	11am St Bede's	
Boxing Day:	Midday at St Chad's	Vigil Mass 6pm at St Bede's	
Sunday 27th December:	9.15am St Chad's	11am St Bede's	

Masses this week

6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent Year B.

Prayer of the Church: Week 2

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5 th December	6pm	Mass St. Bede's	Jimmy Maher
Sunday 6 th December	9.15am	Mass St. Chad's	William & Ivy Smith (Anniversary)
	11am	Mass St. Bede's	Robert Robertson (RIP)
Monday 7 th December	9.15am	Mass St. Chad's	Kathleen & Bernard Sweeney

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 8 th December	9.15am	Mass St. Bede's	Patricia Sheridan (RIP)
Wednesday 9 th December	NO MASS		
Thursday 10 th December	9.15am	Mass St. Chad's	Brendan Howard (RIP)
Friday 11 th December	9.15am	Mass St. Bede's	Francis Snape (RIP)
Saturday 12 th December	6pm	Mass St. Bede's	Damian Tierney (RIP)

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 13 th December	9.15am	Mass St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	Mass 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, Therese Roe and Mark Smith, Josie Noblet, Clare Yarwood and 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.

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 each morning at the Mass times shown above.** 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 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 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 this website, you will find resources to help our children pray with the bible readings for Sunday.

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21975/roots-advent-family-time.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 or telephone 01257 542367.

St Chad's will be decorated for Christmas again this year with Poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a donation of £5 towards the cost. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. Envelopes are available at the back of St Chad's Church or place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it through the door of the Presbytery. Thank you.

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

CAFOD: Thank you for your support this year. I hope in these difficult times the resources shared below support you and the community in your preparations during the season of Advent. Thanks to you and your parishioners we have been able to continue our international work. Through CAFOD you have supported some of poorest communities most impacted by the virus. You have reached people in more than 33 countries, with over six million people receiving health and prevention advice and more than half a million people receiving safe hygiene supplies and services to prevent and reduce infection. Many more poor and vulnerable families have been supported with food supplies when there was no way to earn a living in the face of lockdown. We have a variety of Advent resources and prayer for your use. For more information please see cafod.org.uk/parishes

The following information is to refresh your memory about how we are safely gathering in Church again. If you are not in great health or are in one of the "at risk" groups, it might be best to take medical advice before returning to church at the moment. If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring us and we can talk it through. 01257 460154.

- Never come to church if you have a high temperature, a new persistent cough or have lost your sense of taste or smell. Call 111 and ask for advice.
- Please note that both our Churches have around 30 benches available. As places in church are limited, we may not be able to accommodate everyone who would like to attend. Do not share a bench with someone who is not in your household or "bubble".
- If people come to church with people from their household or "bubble" they will be able to sit together so more people will be able to attend Mass.
- Please follow the instructions of our stewards.
- Please bring a face covering which must be worn while you are in church.
- Please use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving church.
- Follow the signs which indicate a one-way system for moving around church.
- Do not arrive very early for Mass to keep the time we are all in the same building to a minimum.**
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the very end of Mass and you will walk directly out of church after receiving Holy Communion. Only leave your bench when told to by a steward. Please respect those who are still receiving Holy Communion after you by keeping an atmosphere of prayer at the back of church.
- Do not gather in groups outside church before or after Mass and always keep doorways clear. Do not block the way out for someone leaving church after you.
- The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been suspended.
- We are required to take contact details, (name and telephone number), of everyone who attends Mass, for the government track and trace programme. If you have attended Mass before you will be ticked in by a steward. If you use the NHS Covid-19 app you can check in using the posters at the back of church.
- Entry to church through the presbytery is currently suspended and you cannot enter the sacristy unless you have been asked to.

Thank you for playing your part in keeping us all safe and well in our churches.

Sunday 6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent Reading for Mass

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

A reading from the Second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean

a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. You should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’