



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

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

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### Parish Websites

[www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and

[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.

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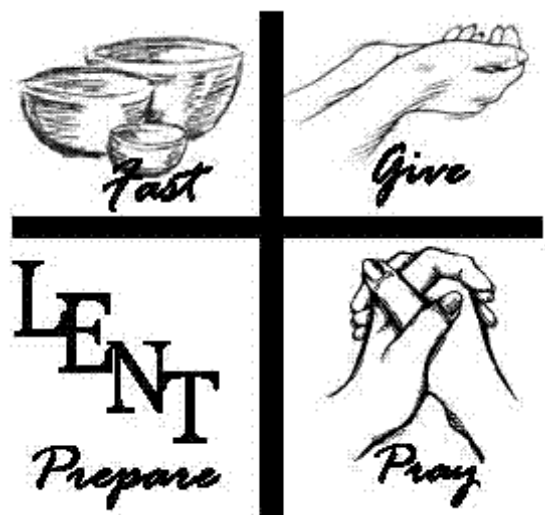
Dear friends,

This week sees the beginning of Lent. On Wednesday we are marked with blessed ashes. It’s an outward sign of something that takes place in our hearts. We put our old way of life behind us and try to start living our relationship with God in a new and deeper way.

Without something happening in our heart the ashes are an empty gesture.

On Ash Wednesday we ask God to bless our good desires this Lent. We still have a few days to ask ourselves how we want to grow closer to God as we prepare for the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus this Holy Week and Easter.

In our gospel reading for Ash Wednesday Jesus talks about three ways through which we can grow closer to God – prayer, fasting and works of charity. This would include as prayer reading a good religious book, spending time with a passage from the Gospel each day, finding a few moments to be silent and opening our hearts to God. There are some good apps for our smartphones and websites these days that can help us do this. Fasting might include going without something we like or trying to live in a simpler way. We can be more conscious of the effect our lifestyles have on our planet and see how we can make a difference. Works of charity include sharing what we have with those in need and also sharing our time, a precious resource, to put our love into action in looking out for people who need our help.



It might be only a small thing we decide to do but Jesus tells us that our Father sees every effort we make to show our gratitude to Him and it is precious in His eyes.

I keep you all daily in my prayers.

God bless,

Fr Mark



## **17<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday**

At Mass on Sunday our ashes will be blessed and then made ready for you to collect on Monday and Tuesday. You can use the ashes if you are able to watch a service on-line. There is also a prayer sheet available for you to use at home on your own, or with your family. If you know someone who might find it difficult to collect their ashes and a prayer leaflet, please offer to collect it for them.

If you would like us to bring some ashes and the prayer sheet to you please let us know by ringing 01257 460154 including your phone number with your message. Thank you.

**Ashes will be available for collection from the box at the front door of St Chad's Presbytery from 9am to 7.30pm on Monday and Tuesday.**

**Ashes will be available from the box at the front door of St Bede's Presbytery from 1pm to 7.30pm on Monday and from 10.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesday.**

If you would like to make a donation to your parish please post it through the door of the presbytery.

**We will try and keep our collection of ashes "Covid-safe"** so there will be hand sanitiser with the box containing the ashes and prayer leaflets. Please clean your hands before touching the box.

Please only take enough ash and leaflets for your household and anyone else you are taking them to so that there are enough for anyone who wants one.

Our church buildings are currently closed following a request from local public health officials. We stop the spread of the virus by staying at home as much as we can. We are still a community of faith, serving God through our prayer and our concern for others. If you need any help or support, even practical help, or if you just want to stay connected with your parish please telephone on 01257 460154.

We would be delighted to hear from you.

### **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 normally be streamed on this page at 11am each day.**

*If the sound on the livestream isn't great you can try using earphones or connecting your device to a speaker to improve the volume.*

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. These churches have better equipment for livestreaming and you may find the quality of the sound and images better.

## Masses this week

**The following intentions will be remembered at Mass on these dates.**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parishioners
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Alice Green
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Peter Middlehurst (Anniversary)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	James Proctor (RIP)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Mass of Ash Wednesday at Midday</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Laura Moss (Anniversary)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Thanksgiving to St Rita and St Jude
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	David Howarth
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	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, Eileen Farnworth, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Valerie Hartley, Tony Miller, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Clare Yarwood and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

We pray too for all who have lost their lives as a result of contracting Covid-19.

***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.

## CAFOD Lent Appeal

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

The February issue of the Catholic Pic is now available online.  
The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3cmeZRE>

**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'.

**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 The Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank is also appealing for empty half dozen egg boxes. These can be left in the food bank boxes in St Mary's Church or in the porches of St Mary's Priory and St Benedict's Monastery. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children resources for this week.**

If you want to sing along to "Shine Jesus Shine" click here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3beqUs3dPVo>

And for two videos of the song "Our God is a great big God" – one animated and one with actions to join in with – please click here.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-424MpB\\_pd0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-424MpB_pd0)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSTfM8M2Md8>

And there's a worksheet to print off here.

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21754/14th-february-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

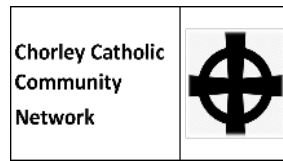
**St. Chad's 200 Club**

200 Club subscription renewals are now being collected for the next 12 months (March 2021 to February 2022). The 200 Club is a monthly draw run by the school and parish, to raise funds to pay the church and school levies. In common with all other Catholic parishes, the Archdiocese is responsible for the buildings. Our 200 Club is a fun way to raise funds and maybe benefit from the prize money. Subscriptions are £15.00 per year and there are three prizes totalling £100 offered each month (£50, £30 and £20). The draw takes place in school at the end of each month with the winners published in the school newsletter. In view of the current Covid restrictions, school are posting renewal invitations to our parish members this year along with a slip which can be completed and returned directly to school with your payment either by cash or a cheque made payable to St. Chad's School Fund. This can either be dropped off at the school office or posted to Mrs Southworth (bursar), St. Chad's Catholic Primary School, South Hill, Blackburn Road, Whittle Le Woods, Chorley, PR6 8LL.

If you are not currently a member of the 200 club but wish to join, please send your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) along with your payment directly to School stating that you wish to join the 200 club and School will allocate you with a membership number and enter you into the monthly draws.

# Lenten Challenge

**To eradicate Digital Poverty in Chorley by Easter Sunday**



Research by Chorley Council says that there are still approximately 140 children who do not have a device upon which they can complete their schoolwork.

Chorley Catholic Community Network, Chorley Buddies, Chorley United Reformed Church and St Laurence's, with the support of Chorley Council, are working with the Chorley Repair Café to try to help eradicate Digital Poverty in Chorley.

From Ash Wednesday onwards, we need your surplus laptops or tablets so that we can give them to the children who desperately need them. All personal data will be erased and all Covid safety measures will be in place before the devices are redistributed.

Please bring your surplus tablets and laptops to

- Call 01257 460154 and arrange to leave them at the presbytery.
- Your Catholic Primary School, (please check with the school first) (Remember it's the half-term holiday this week)
- Massa's Café Dessert Bar, 3 Cunliffe St, Chorley PR7 2BA
- Frederick's Ice Cream Parlour, Bolton Road, Chorley PR7 4AL
- Inspire The Youth Zone
- St Laurence's Rectory, Rectory Close, PR7 1QW
- Or email [chorleybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:chorleybuddies@hotmail.com) to arrange pick up.

**Together We Can Eradicate Digital Poverty By Easter Sunday!**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year B.**  
**Readings at Mass**

**First reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile.

***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.



**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can  
see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to

anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Ash Wednesday. 17 February 2021. Readings at Mass.**

**First reading: Joel 2:12-18**

'Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.' Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent. Who knows if he will not turn again, will not relent, will not leave a blessing as he passes, oblation and libation for the Lord your God? Sound the trumpet in Zion! Order a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children, even the infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his bedroom and the bride her alcove. Between vestibule and altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, lament. Let them say, 'Spare your people, Lord! Do not make your heritage a thing of shame, a byword for the nations. Why should it be said among the nations, "Where is their God?"' Then the Lord, jealous on behalf of his land, took pity on his people.

**Responsorial Psalm**

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***



**Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2**

We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. For he says: *At the favourable time, I have listened to you; on the day of salvation I came to your help.* Well, now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! A pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6,16-18**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them; I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room and, when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'When you fast do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do: they pull long faces to let men know they are fasting. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that no one will know you are fasting except your Father who sees all that is done in secret; and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.'



## Distribution of Ashes during the Covid-19 Pandemic

**“Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart.” Joel 2:12**

Today is Ash Wednesday: the first day of Lent. The pandemic means that our Lenten journey this year is going to be very different. The support and encouragement that praying with others in church gives us might not be there for us. This leaflet is to help you to share the gift of blessed ashes in your home, alone or with your family, and begin your Lenten journey.

Being marked with ashes today is sign of our repentance – our turning back to God. Lent is a gift to us. God gently invites us to look at how we are living so that we can change to be a little bit more the people He is inviting us to become. We harm ourselves and others, sometimes without even knowing it. Lent is a time to look more closely at how we our living and to place loving God and loving our neighbour at the centre of our lives. We try to refocus our lives on God and to deepen our relationship with Him remembering how much God has loved us in the gift of His Son, Jesus. When Easter comes we pray that because of how we have lived Lent this year, we will be more grateful for the mercy and compassion of God that we are celebrating.

The 40 days of Lent recall Christ’s time of temptation in the wilderness. He fasted and prayed and the Devil tempted him. During Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms to the poor. In doing this we prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter with joy.

A long time ago, people wore sackcloth and ashes, to show that they were sorry for their sins. Today we receive these ashes to show our commitment to God and our desire to draw closer to him this Lent.



## **Service of Reception of the Ashes at home**

### **Make the Sign of the Cross**

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

### **Scripture Reading**

*Choose one of these scripture verses to read or pick one of your own.*

#### **1 Peter 5: 6-7**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that God may lift you up in due time.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Or

#### **John 3:16-17**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Prayer**

**Lord, I / we receive these ashes as a sign of our love for you.**

**We can see your love at work in our lives and we desire to draw closer to you.**

**May this Lent be a time of grace for us.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **Distribution of Ashes**

*If you have any holy water at home, add a few drops to the ashes to help you to use them more easily or use a little tap water.*

**Say :- These ashes are a sign of our desire to be renewed by God's grace this Lent.**

*Then, marking yourself or your family with a cross on the forehead, say one of the following phrases.*



**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.**  
*Or*  
**Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.**

Take a moment to pray, asking God for the grace to live this Lent well. Give thanks for the gift of your faith.

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### **Your Lenten Journey**

*To focus your mind(s) make a list of ways that you would like to mark lent this year.*

### **Opportunities for Prayer**

How might you find time to pray and where?

What resources would you use? (Spiritual Reading/Prayer Apps)

### **Fasting / Giving up for lent**

What might you give up / fast from this lent?

### **Almsgiving**

Which charity could you support from the money you save from your fasting?

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give