



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

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 21st February, 2021

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

Psalter week 1

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie



For all parish enquiries please telephone Fr Mark on 01257 460154

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and www.stchads-southhill.org

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

E-mail: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

Dear friends,

'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

These are the first words spoken by our Lord in the Gospel of St Mark which we are hearing on Sundays this year. They challenge us as we try to live the gift of Lent as well as we can. **'The time has come'** so we try not to put off to some point in the future what we know God is asking us to do today.

God's Kingdom, the way God wants our world to be is close to us. We can choose it. We can try to bring about a different way of living in the world that puts love and justice at the heart of the choices we make each day. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God starts with the smallest of seeds, in our homes, in the way we deal with people we meet and in the way we try to help those in any kind of need. As we pray for God's Kingdom to come each time we pray the Our Father, we can remember that this will happen through the choices people like us make each day. It's something that grows like wheat in a field, bit by bit, until it yields its crop. Where can you see signs of God's kingdom among us today?

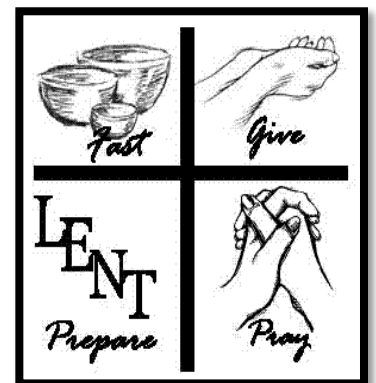
As Jesus calls us to **'repent and believe'** in His message, His 'Good News', maybe another way of seeing repentance is just waking up. Repentance asks us to be honest about where we are struggling, where we are hungry to change and to become more the people God made us to be. So often we settle for less. Lent asks us to stop drifting and to stop putting things off to a day that might never happen. As Jesus says, **"The time has come."**

Just be still for a few minutes now. God sees you and loves you. Tell Him what's in your heart at this moment. Believe the Good News that you are loved and forgiven and celebrate that you are an instrument of God's Kingdom, an instrument of His love alive and at work in the world today.

I keep you all daily in my prayers.

God bless,

Fr Mark



**Our church buildings are currently closed.
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 20 th February	David Howarth
Sunday 21 st February	Parishioners
Monday 22 nd February	Suzanne Davies
Tuesday 23 rd February	Peter Fishwick (RIP)
Wednesday 24 th February	No Mass
Thursday 25 th February	James Proctor (RIP)
Friday 26 th February	Marie Fowler (RIP)
Saturday 27 th February	Parishioners
Sunday 28 th February	Mena Shaw (RIP)

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, Margaret Drinkwater, 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.

When making a request for a person to be added to our prayer list please make sure that the person concerned gives their consent first. Thank you.

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 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.

THIS FRIDAY, 26TH February, is Lent Fast Day. We are asked to go without something we would normally eat or drink and give the money we save to help someone who might be in need of food or drink themselves. There are CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes available in the boxes at the front door of our presbyteries for UK tax payers who wish to Gift Aid their donation.

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 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'.

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 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.

Lent is a humble descent both inwards and towards others. It is about realizing that salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love. It is about becoming little.
- POPE FRANCIS

@catholicbishops

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.

Follow these links for resources to help our children pray this Sunday and through Lent.

If the links don't work copy them and paste them into your browser.

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22459/roots-here-and-there-lent-holy-week-2021.pdf>-- calendar to print

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22459/roots-here-and-there-lent-holy-week-2021>.

This is an online calendar-<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar> Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection | CAFOD

CAFOD's online Lent calendar 2021. Our 2021 online Lent calendar offers you the chance to reflect, pray and take justice actions. Join us as we journey through Lent with our global family.

cafod.org.uk

Lenten prayers-

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-prayers> Lent prayers 2021 | CAFOD

Our beautiful Lenten prayers and reflections offer you the opportunity to reflect on your own or in your parish. We pray that we may allow our hearts to be touched this Lent by the cry of our sisters and brothers living in poverty. cafod.org.uk

Songs

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

Give A Little Smile - Makaton Signing with Singing Hands and Out of the Ark Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l10mMdfXxp4>

IF I WERE A BUTTERFLY children's song with lyrics

Caring about our future and the future of our planet.

As we start to hope that some kind of normal parish life might start to happen again before too long it seems like a good time to think about how we can make our parishes better. There are certainly lots of things we might want to see done differently. It's certain that in the coming years we are going to have to think about the witness we give to caring for our planet. Catholic social teaching and the teaching of popes in recent decades tells us that this is not an optional extra. We are bound in love to do what we can to care for this world entrusted to our stewardship by God. We are not excused from doing something to ensure that the next generations will have a planet that will sustain them. We know that it is the poorest of our brothers and sisters whose lives will be most devastated by climate change. No one can pretend that they don't know that action is needed now. There is information below about one event happening soon connected to working for climate justice. More events will follow. Please think about how our parish communities can respond to the challenge that climate change is facing us with and let Fr Mark know if you have any good ideas we can put into action.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE is a climate charity which works to equip communities, groups and individuals across the country to communicate the urgency of climate change with their local politicians. Based on first-hand experience, gathered since our creation in 2013, our approach draws on communications research, counselling techniques and advice from politicians themselves. We can help you build effective partnerships with decision makers and build a more hopeful future.

In collaboration with the Liverpool Archdiocese, we're holding a training workshop over Zoom on **Saturday 6th March 10am-12.**

Building Effective Relationships with your MP on Climate Change

You can find more information at:

www.hfff.org.uk

What then?

Our team at Hope for the Future is on hand to support you every step of the way in writing to or arranging to meet with your MP. We can provide tailored research, draft letters to your MP, advice and guidance and we can even accompany you to meet with your MP!

What we'll cover:

The practicalities of setting up a meeting with your MP
Overcoming MP and campaigner 'defensive behaviours'
Working with MPs of different political persuasions
Finding common ground between MPs and campaigners
Framing your 'ask' for a positive response
Maintaining a thriving relationship with your MP.

"The key to advocacy is building a good working relationship with an MP. Hope for the Future's training is a step by step practice guide - and it's the best I've seen"

- John Battle, former Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs

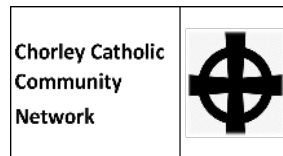
Sign up via Eventbrite. Click here or copy and paste this link into your browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-build-an-effective-relationship-with-your-mp-tickets-141455791079>

To read the Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis on caring for our common home, "Laudato Si", follow this link: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

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 either presbytery.
- Your Catholic Primary School, (please check with the school first)
- 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 to arrange pick up.

Together We Can Eradicate Digital Poverty By Easter Sunday!

Sunday 21st February 2021. First Sunday of Lent. Readings at Mass

First reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

