



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

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 28th February, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie



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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.

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Dear friends,

Following discussions with other local parishes both our churches will be open for the public celebration of Mass again from Thursday 11th March. Thank you to our team of stewards who have generously offered to help again. Even though many of our parishioners have now received a dose of the vaccine we still need to keep all social distancing rules in place. The rules will be published again in this newsletter next weekend. Let's pray that this will be the last time that our churches will be closed for public worship and that our normal parish life will be able to start again in the next few months.

If you would like to volunteer to help during our celebration of Mass please ring Fr Mark on 01257 460154. **It would be great to have a few more volunteers** to welcome people as they arrive, to sign them in and to explain our social distancing rules to people who may be coming back to Mass after some time away. We need help to sanitise benches, surfaces, door handles etc after each Mass. We also need to know which of our readers will be present at Mass so we can put a rota together. If you would like to help, even if you haven't been able to help before, we would be very happy to hear from you. The more people who are willing to help, the less there will be for each person to do.

If you have any questions about coming back to Mass from 11th March please get in touch.

There is still no obligation to attend Mass. Do not come to Mass if you feel this it is not safe for you. Some people might choose to attend Mass on a weekday when there will be fewer people in church.

Baptisms can still only take place in an emergency. The restriction on numbers attending a funeral (30 people) also remains in place until further notice.

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 27 th February	Parishioners
Sunday 28 th February	Mena Shaw (RIP)
Monday 1 st March	Patricia Healey (Recently deceased)
Tuesday 2 nd March	Peter Fishwick (RIP)
Wednesday 3 rd March	No Mass
Thursday 4 th March	Dennis Gray (Anniversary)
Friday 5 th March	Roger Haylock (RIP)
Saturday 6 th March	Kathleen and Bernard Sweeney
Sunday 7 th March	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, 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.

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. All donations can be posted through the door of either presbytery.

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.

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

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/22655/158255/version/6/file/Second%20Sunday%20of%20Lent.pdf>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21762/28th-february-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

[Sing Hosanna - He's Got The Whole World In His Hands | Bible Songs for Kids](#)

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 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.

If you would like to read the Pope's Message for Lent click [here](#)

Please click here to see an [infographic](#) which outlines the content of Pope's Francis' Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*.

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First reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 115

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.



Second reading: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

“Could you be a deacon?”

During the last year, despite the lockdowns, our deacons have been finding new ways to preach the Gospel, lead people in worship and serve those in need.

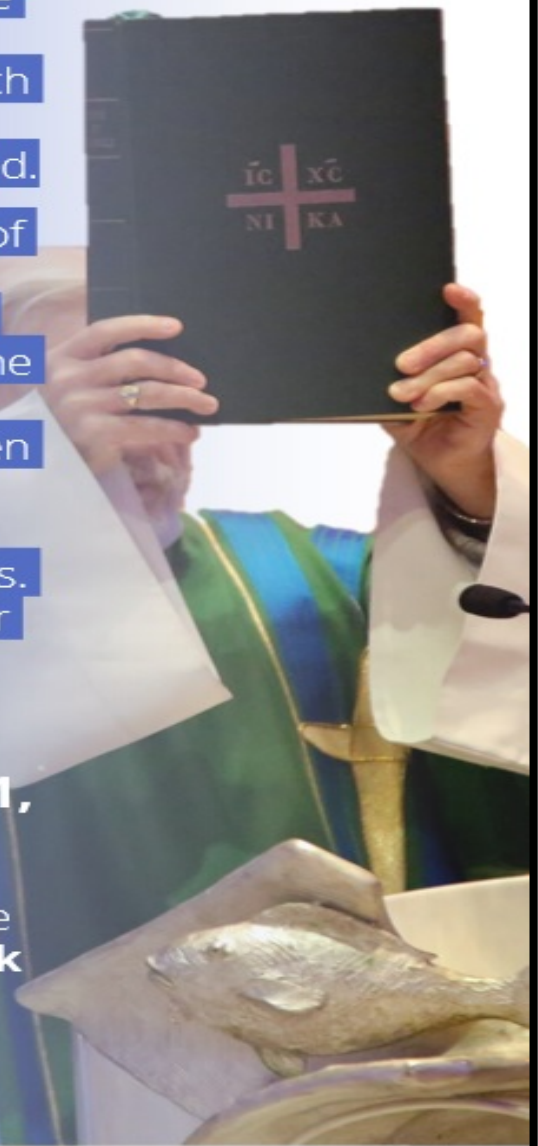
If you would like to hear some of their stories and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in one of two evening online meetings for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

**Tuesday 9 March or
Thursday 11 March 2021,
7.30 – 9.00pm**

To receive the Zoom link, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk



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A UNIQUE PRAYER RESOURCE FOR LENT AND EASTER

Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter. This 160 page fully illustrated book brings together 15 poems written by a parish priest in a Catholic London parish during the lockdown of Holy Week 2020, with 15 reflections written by today’s Christian voices from the Holy Land. It is designed for both private prayer and as the basis of prayer group meetings, the book follows Jesus in his final days leading to his Passion, Death, Resurrection and appearance on the road to Emmaus. With a foreword by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, this book is also a practical support to Holy Land Christians through the Charity, Friends of the Holy Land. Copies of soft-back and e-book versions are available at £7.99 each through the FHL Shop www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-book, by emailing office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephoning FHL 01926 512980.

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

St Bede'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-bede-clayton-green>
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 Bede's via text: You are now able to donate to St Bede's parish via text. Please follow the instructions below. The donation will be added to your regular mobile telephone bill. Thank you.

Text *BEDE* 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 *BEDENOINFO* to 70085.

Text *BEDE* 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 *BEDENOINFO* to 70450.

Text *BEDE* 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 *BEDENOINFO* to 70460.

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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.