



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

Parish Newsletter
Sunday, 7th February, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie



St Bede's Parish Office is now closed.

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.

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Dear friends,

Our First Reading this Sunday is a piece of very honest poetry from the Book of Job. He cries from the heart that there is no hope and no way out. But the words of the Psalm which we use to respond to what we have heard are the answer in times of anxiety and despair.

"Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted." The Gospel in just a few words describes a scene we might like to picture in our minds. Great crowds flocking to Jesus because in Him they find hope. He heals. He brings peace. Perhaps you could imagine yourself in the crowd, suddenly finding yourself reaching Jesus, seeing Him face to face. What would you ask Him to do for you? *Make your prayer to Him now.* He is the one who can heal and bring peace.

The Gospels often show us that Jesus was a man of deep prayer. His actions were directed by His time in prayer. When the disciples find Him in our Gospel passage, He is clear that He cannot just stay where He is. He has to move. Other people need to hear what His Father had sent Him to proclaim. Prayer makes it clear for Him what He has to do.

As a community of disciples our parishes need always to follow the example of Jesus in the way we pray and find our direction from God. Let's continue to pray that our Synod later this year will be a faithful reflection of what God is saying to us. Perhaps God is asking us to move too. The Gospel that has been entrusted to us, must be lived out in a way that proclaims God's love in our world. Please keep this in your prayers, that as individuals and as a community we keep listening, as Jesus did and that the Church we are building together will always be responsive to God's call.

I keep you all daily in my prayers.

God bless, Fr Mark

Masses this week

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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.

This week Mass on Monday, Thursday and Friday Mass will be streamed at Midday.

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.

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

Saturday 6 th February	Raymond Matthews RIP
Sunday 7 th January	Josie Noblet RIP
Monday 8 th February	Josie Noblet RIP
Tuesday 9 th February	Intentions of Fr Mark
Wednesday 10 th February	No Mass
Thursday 11 th February	Elizabeth Monk
Friday 12 th February	Margaret Donaldson
Saturday 13 th February	Parishioners
Sunday 14 th February	Alice Green

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.

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently and for their families: Barbara Walmsley, Mary Beth Turner.

We pray too for all who have lost their lives as a result of the 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.

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.



The February issue of the Catholic Pic is now available in print and online.

The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3cmeZRE>



17th February is Ash Wednesday

We have ordered individual packs of ash which will be blessed by the priest and will be available on Tuesday 16th February to collect from our churches. There is also a prayer sheet for you to take which you can follow at home. Each packet of blessed ash is for one person. You could also use them if you pray along with the Ash Wednesday Mass streamed on our Facebook page or a streamed Mass from another church.

If you know someone who might find it difficult to collect their ashes please offer to collect it for them. If you would

like us to get some ashes and the prayer sheet to you please let us know including your phone number with your message. Thank you.

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>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21750/7th-february-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/54255/755289/version/10/Sunday%20Gospel%20OCW%2007.02.21.pptx>

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/21279/148192/version/6/Fifth%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time.pdf>

[Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel: Mark 1:29-39](#)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Find prayers and activities at cafod.org.uk/families

This little list is "borrowed" from the website of another parish. The links lead to places that help our children pray with the readings proclaimed at Mass on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FROM CAFOD

Each week **CAFOD** are running an online Children's Liturgy (registration is required) To learn more visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FROM COLOUR AND SHAPE

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline/>

and find previous week's

liturgies <https://www.facebook.com/pg/colourandshapeonline/videos/>.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING LOCKDOWN

<https://www.facebook.com/Childrens-Liturgy-during-lockdown-101967264838340/>

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First reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.