



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

**Parish Newsletter**  
**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. 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,

Both our churches have now re-opened for the public celebration of Mass. Thank you to our team of stewards who have generously offered to help again, making it possible for us to open safely. 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.

Below you will find a short reminder of the measures we have put in place to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus in church. If you would like to be added to our parish e-mail list please let us know and we can send you a copy of the newsletter each Saturday. Paper copies are available at the door of either presbytery if you are not able to attend Mass.

### A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen



## Keeping everyone as safe as we can in church

- Don't come to church if you, or someone in your household, have a temperature, a new persistent cough or a change in taste or smell.
- Please wear a face covering **over your mouth and nose** while you are in church.
- Use **hand sanitizer** on entering and leaving church.
- Please make sure we have your **contact details** so that we know when you have attended church. Our stewards will tick you in if you have attended Mass before, or they will take your name and telephone number. This information is only used if we are asked for it by “test and trace”.
- Do not share a bench with someone who is not in your household bubble.
- Do not offer a lift to or from church to someone who is not in your household bubble.
- Everyone is asked to spread out across the church as evenly as you can to maximise social distancing – not to fill up all the benches in just one part of the church.

- Holy Communion will be distributed **as you leave church**. Please wait to be invited to leave your bench by a steward.
- Please keep social distancing in place **outside our churches** before and after Mass and keep our **entrances and exits clear**.
- If you are concerned about attending church again or have any questions please telephone Fr Mark on 01257 460154. He will be happy to talk it through with you.
- **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

### Masses and services this week.

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	St. Bede's	Derek Shirtcliffe (RIP)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	St Chad's	Valerie Hartley (RIP)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	St Bede's	Derrick Poulson (RIP)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		No Mass	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	St Chad's	Maureen Hughes
		<b>7pm Stations of the Cross at St Chad's Church</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9.15am	St Bede's	John Atherton (RIP)
		<b>7pm Stations of the Cross at St Bede's Church</b>	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	St Bede's	Leonora Conroy (RIP)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.15am	St Chad's	Brian Cummings (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners



If you would like to pray the Stations of the Cross in church there will be two opportunities this week.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7pm**

**Stations of the Cross at St Chad's Church**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm**

**Stations of the Cross at St Bede's Church**



Please observe all the Covid-19 prevention measures we have put in place for Mass if you attend the Stations of the Cross. You are asked to remain in your bench during these times of prayer. Both times of prayer are open to members of either parish.

### Parish coffee and chat on-line

If anyone would like to join me for an informal chat please click on the link below

**this Monday evening, 15<sup>th</sup> March, at 6.30pm.**

It was good to meet some of our parishioners last week at our virtual gathering but I know that the time didn't suit everyone.

You don't need a password or a code. Just wait until the host lets you in.

If you have a camera and microphone on your device you will need to turn these on.

**To join the informal Zoom Meeting click here or type in this code into your search engine.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85721657026>**

(Meeting ID: 857 2165 7026)

**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.

*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.

**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](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.

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](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.

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

Sing along to "I watch the sunrise" by clicking on the link here.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PVPLoXAp\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PVPLoXAp_Y)

Find an activity sheet to accompany the readings for this Sunday here:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22097/14-march-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

## **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)
- Or email [chorleybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:chorleybuddies@hotmail.com) to arrange pick up.

### **CHORLEY JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP**

The role of the Justice & Peace movement is to tackle poverty, violence, prejudice and injustice, to act on climate change, to protect the environment, and to work for a world where all have access to food, clean water, shelter, health, education and a livelihood.

Chorley Justice & Peace Group is inviting parishioners from all the Catholic Parishes in the Chorley Pastoral Area who are interested in supporting this work to join them.

For more information on justice & peace or if you would like to be involved in the Group's activities after lockdown or to support them in any way, please contact Andrew Thomson on 07802 249495 or e-mail [thomson.andrew@btinternet.com](mailto:thomson.andrew@btinternet.com)

**A very big "thank you" is owed to Mr Norman White**, who for very many years has beautifully maintained our graveyard at St Chad's. He has weeded, mowed, tidied up the litter and old flowers, met with undertakers, gravediggers, grass cutters and stone masons, prepared for funerals and dealt with enquiries about graves for numerous parish priests. He has reached the age now when he quite rightly deserves to move to a more supervisory role. He will be impossible to replace.

Thank you, Norman, from all the grateful parishioners of St Chad's who have enjoyed the peaceful beauty of our church grounds down the years, perhaps without realising the hard work that has been put in to keeping them looking so good. We hope we will be able to call on your wisdom and experience for many years to come. Enjoy the chance to take things a little bit easier. You deserve it.

As you are reading this thank you message you might be able to guess what is coming next. If you think you would like to be involved in the running and management of our parish graveyard at St Chad's please have a chat with Fr Mark. We are looking for a few volunteers to give an hour or two now and again to keep an eye on what needs doing and keep our

church grounds well maintained. If you think being part of a graveyard management team is something you would like to do please let us know. Thank you.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B Readings at Mass**

**A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles**

36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**Responsorial Psalm**

***R/ O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!***

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. ***R/***  
For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' ***R/***  
O how could we sing the song of the Lord

on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! ***R/***

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth

if I remember you not,

if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! ***R/***

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And

indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'