

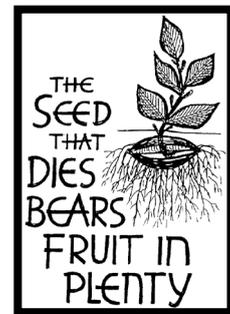
Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green and St Chad, South Hill

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 21st March, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent. Year B.

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Times of Masses and Services for Holy Week



Holy Thursday 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at **St Chad's**

Good Friday 2nd April

Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord
3pm at **both St Bede's and St Chad's**

Holy Saturday 3rd April

Easter Vigil 8pm at **St Bede's**

Easter Sunday 4th April

Mass of Easter

9.15am St Chad's

11am St Bede's



Covid-19 restrictions are still in place during Holy Week so places in our churches are still limited. We don't want anyone turning up to pray only to find that all the benches are already full.

As we did at Christmas, please let us know what services you would like to attend by calling Clare at St Bede's parish office on 01772 335209 at the following times:

Tuesday 23rd March 10am – 5pm

Thursday 25th March 10am – 3pm

Friday 26th March 10am – 3pm.

Tuesday 30th March 10am – 5pm

Thursday 1st April 10am – 3pm

The instructions we have received from our Bishops for Holy Week services mean that they will be a little simpler than we are used to. On Holy Thursday there will be no washing of feet and no watching after Mass. On Good Friday there will be no individual veneration of the cross. At the Easter Vigil there will be no gathering at the fire outside. The Paschal Candle will be lit in church at the beginning of the celebration. At all our Easter Masses there will be no individual candles and no sprinkling with Holy Water. We are still not permitted to have congregational singing but we hope to have some music from a musician and cantor at some of our services.

We appreciate that it may not be possible for everyone to attend our services in the other parish. If you intend to go to a service in another parish e.g. St Joseph's or St Mary's, please check with them if you need to reserve a place. Each parish will be operating differently in Holy Week.

It would be nice if we had two volunteers from St Bede's to steward and read on Holy Thursday evening at St Chad's, and two volunteers from St Chad's to help at the Easter Vigil at St Bede's. Please talk to Fr Mark if you will be able to help.

We are grateful to Deacon Simon Gilbertson for being willing to lead one of our Good Friday services so that both parishes can commemorate the Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

Masses and services this week.

Saturday 20 th March	6pm	St. Bede's	Leonora Conroy (RIP)
Sunday 21 st March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Brian Cummings (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 22 nd March	9.15am	St Chad's	Thanksgiving Diamond Jubilee Sr. Dorothy
Tuesday 23 rd March	9.15am	St Bede's	Mary O'Brien (Anniversary)
Wednesday 24 th March		No Mass	
Thursday 25 th March		Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	
	9.15am	St Chad's	Eileen Capper (RIP)
		7pm Stations of the Cross at St Chad's Church	
Friday 26 th March	9.15am	St Bede's	Eileen Torevell & David Oates (RIP)
		7pm Stations of the Cross at St Bede's Church	
Saturday 27 th March	6pm	St Bede's	Eddie & Therese Roe (RIP)
Sunday 28 th March	9.15am	St Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Fr. Michael O'Neill (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.

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

Thursday 25th March 7pm Stations of the Cross at St Chad's Church

Friday 26th 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.

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.

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.

Lenten Challenge: We are still collecting unwanted laptops and tablets to distribute to children around Chorley so that we can help to eradicate Digital Poverty in Chorley by Easter Sunday

. All personal data will be erased and all Covid safety measures will be in place before the devices are redistributed. Please call 01257 460154 and arrange to leave unwanted laptops and tablets at either presbytery. Or email chorleybuddies@hotmail.com to arrange pick up.

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

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22101/21-march-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayers/Prayer-for-children-for-Lent>

If you would like to sing along to Shine Jesus Shine follow this link.

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

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.

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

Part of a statement from the Presidency of the Bishops' Conference on the National Day of Reflection for COVID-19 Tuesday 23rd March 2021

We welcome the designation of Tuesday 23rd March as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23rd March truly a day of prayer. There is so much on which to reflect and include in our prayer. We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life. We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive. We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion. We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whether we are focussing on overcoming family breakdowns, economic recovery, or building political consensus. May Tuesday 23rd March be a great day of prayer that this pandemic comes to an end and that the gift of God's Holy Spirit will carry us all forward to a new and better life, both here and in the world to come.

Prayers produced for this Day of Reflection will be available at the back of church and on our parish websites and Facebook page.

Sunday 21st March. 5th Sunday of Lent

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he

learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ,

you are the Word of God!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Glory to you, O Christ,

you are the Word of God!

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.