



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

Parish News

Sunday, 28th March, 2021

Palm Sunday. 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
Holy**

Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday 4th April

Mass of Easter 9.15am St Chad's



**Bede's and St Chad's
Saturday** 3rd April
at **St Bede'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 30th March 10am – 5pm

Thursday 1st April 10am – 3pm

If you hope to attend 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.

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. **If you have volunteered to minister as a reader in the coming week copies of all the scripture readings are available from the sacristy.**

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.

During Holy Week you are invited to watch a **video of prayer and music for Good Friday** which was put together jointly by the Christian Churches in Chorley. The Catholic community contributed both music and prayers. Please watch out for the link on our website and Facebook group early next week.

At our Good Friday services a collection will be taken for the **support of the Holy Places** in the Holy Land.

Our **Easter Sunday collection** is for the support of our parishes. Thank you for your continued support.

Masses and services for Holy Week and Easter

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)
Monday 29 th March	9.15am	St Chad's	Patrick Matthews (Anniversary)
Tuesday 30 th March	9.15am	St Bede's	Marie Fowler née Clayton (RIP)
Wednesday 31 st March		No Mass	
Thursday 1 st April		Holy Thursday	
	7.30pm	St Chad's	Christine Shaw (RIP)
Friday 2 nd April		Good Friday	
	3pm	at both St Bede's and St Chad's	
Saturday 3 rd April		Holy Saturday	
	8pm	St Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 4 th April		Easter Sunday	
	9.15am	St Chad's	In Thanksgiving
	11am	St. Bede's	Margaret-Mary Bolton

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, Margaret-Mary Bolton, Margaret Gardner, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Clare Yarwood and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

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.

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the Metropolitan Cathedral on **Wednesday 31st March at 6.00 p.m.** (please note the time is earlier than usual). A restricted number of clergy, religious and lay faithful will be able to attend the Mass in person and will require a ticket (applications for tickets should be addressed to Claire Hanlon by email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk).

For those who wish to participate in the Mass via the live-streaming service, you may use either of the following two links:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheMetropolitanCathedralLiverpool>

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

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.

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

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22105/28-march-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayers/Prayer-for-children-for-Lent>

And follow this link if you would like to sing along to "Let there be love shared among us".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZYQZPHABY8&list=RDVg2Ik3Hwczc&index=3>

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

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.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available for the new tax year at the back of St Chad's Church. Please let us know if you are not currently attending church but would like us to pass on your envelopes to you. **If you would like to Gift Aid your offering to the church please get in touch. We receive an additional 25% from the government for any donation made through Gift Aid by anyone who pays tax in the UK. This makes a really big difference to our parish finances.**

Thank you to our parishioners who have kindly made it possible for us to send messages of Easter greetings and support to Christian's living in the Holy Land on behalf of the parishioners of St Bede's and St Chad's. We have promised our brothers and sisters there the support of our prayers in the many challenges they are facing. ***Please remember them all in your prayers especially in the coming Holy Week.***

Keeping in touch with your parish. Last year we began collecting the contact information of our parishioners. Personal information legislation means that we are unable to store your details or contact you at home without your written consent. Thanks to all those who have completed one of our contact information forms. We are now able to send our newsletter electronically to over 100 homes in our parishes. Please complete one of our parish registration forms which are at the back of church and on our parish websites if you would like to keep in touch with us or receive our weekly newsletter by e-mail. Thank you.

This week we received the following sad news from the Archdiocesan Clubs Department.

“The coronavirus pandemic and government restrictions meant that St Chad’s Parish Centre had to close in March 2020. At that point we didn’t know how long the restrictions would last, but as the restrictions continued, the parish centre has suffered a year’s loss of trading income and the unavoidable fixed costs of the parish centre have compounded this loss.

Unfortunately, the impact of the current pandemic has also had a financial impact on the financial position of the Archdiocese as a whole, with an estimated financial loss of £6.8 million for the year ending December 2020.

In the light of this, it became necessary to undertake a review of the viability of continuing to trade in the parish centre going forward. The review considered a broad range of factors including financial performance, reliance on functions, projected future trading conditions and the estimated cost of any capital investment required to maintain the parish centre going forward.

We highly value the contribution that the parish centre makes to the life of the parish and the community we serve. Unfortunately, we do not believe that we are in a position currently to respond to the crisis in a way that can overcome the detailed impact on levels of trade and subsequent unavoidable fixed cost in the Parish Centre in a way that will ensure viability. As a result, the outcome of the assessment for this parish centre is that continuing to trade is no longer viable and having considered all the factors mentioned, the APCMC Board and Archdiocesan Board of Trustees has taken the difficult decision to discontinue trading and close the parish centre by the end of March 2021.”

Our parish centre building belongs to our parish will continue to be run as a venue for parish activities, and once coronavirus restrictions have been lifted, it will be available for hire by groups for regular or occasional events. There are no plans to sell the building or the site. The bowling teams using the green will be able to continue to use the facilities of the centre for the foreseeable future.

The parish of St Chad is liable for any debts that the building incurs, either, as formerly, a licensed parish centre or, as now, a parish hall. We very much hope that our parishioners and the wider local community will support us in keeping it going for many years to come. When it is possible for us to hold meetings again we will have a gathering to discuss ideas for our parish centre and how it can continue to be a valuable resource in our parish and to the wider community. Later in the year it would be good to set up a committee of volunteers to help to look after the building and the groups using it.

This sad news marks the end of 14 years of outstanding work by Sue, our parish centre manager. Her kindness, hard work and dedication to St Chad’s has been greatly appreciated by everyone who has used the centre. We owe her a great debt of gratitude for her service to our community and wish her all the best for the future.

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