



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

Parish Newsletter
Sunday, 7th March, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent. Year B.

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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,

Both our churches will be open for the public celebration of Mass again this week 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. 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 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. Thank you to those who have already got in touch to offer this service to their parish.

Keeping everyone as safe as we can in church

- Don't come to church if you 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 church with 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.



Our gospel reading this Sunday reminds us that it is a gift to be able to be present in church to pray: this is a House of Prayer. Before Jesus preaches in the temple He clears away the distractions and business that might stop people being able to listen attentively to the life-giving word He has come to proclaim to them.

Each time we are able to come to Mass it's good to remember what we are here to do. The measures in place at the moment to keep us from spreading coronavirus can be an annoying distraction. Perhaps we need to take extra care to remember what a great gift it is to be present at His table and to open our ears and our hearts ready to receive Him. Some of the externals of celebrating Mass together may have changed over the past year, but the truth of God's loving presence with us here is unchanging.

I keep you all daily in my prayers.

God bless, Fr Mark

A bit of an experiment for anyone who is interested!

If anyone would like to join me for an informal chat please click on the link below at **3pm on Thursday afternoon**. 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83418505100> Meeting ID: 834 1850 5100

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 on Monday and Tuesday then at the advertised time.

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 Browndedge 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 6 th March			Kathleen and Bernard Sweeney
Sunday 7 th March			Parishioners
Monday 8 th March			Patricia Healey (Recently deceased)
Tuesday 9 th March			John Weaver (RIP)
Wednesday 10 th March			No Mass
Thursday 11 th March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Marie and Tony Brown (Diamond Wedding)
Friday 12 th March	9.15am	St. Bede's	Daniel Magee
Saturday 13 th March	6pm	St. Bede's	Derek Shirtcliffe (RIP)
Sunday 14 th March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions

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'.

New resources now available include:

- Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent (also available as an audio download).
- Sunday readings.
- Week 26 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.
- Lent reflections with Fr Chris Thomas – Learn to forgive yourself.
- Living Laudato Si' – a long weekend of talks and discussions on Zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of Laudato Si'.

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 Browndge 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://www.godwhospeaks.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lent-Activities-Poster.pdf>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22093/7-march-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS3oTdmDobU&list=RDJS3oTdmDobU&index=1>

You can sing along to God's Spirit is in my Heart (Go Tell Everyone) - YouTube

The instrumental version of this hymn is available at: [https://youtu.be/ccs4AVttBc0\(C\)](https://youtu.be/ccs4AVttBc0(C))

Hubert J...

www.youtube.com

A message for children from Pope Francis about looking after our world- Laudato Si

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-for-children>

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.

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First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Psalm 18

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. ***You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.***

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.*

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Gospel: John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

“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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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>
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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.

Text [BEDE](#) 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 [BEDENOINFO](#) to 70470.

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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.