



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



Parish News

2nd Sunday of Easter. 11th April 2021

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Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group.

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Masses this week.

Saturday 10 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Gabrielle Myerscough
Sunday 11 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Barry Hiccox
Monday 12 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intentions
Tuesday 13 th April	9.15am	St Bede's	Kathryn Kerr (RIP)
Wednesday 14 th April	No Mass		
Thursday 15 th April	No Mass		
Friday 16 th April	No Mass		
Saturday 17 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Margaret Gardner
Sunday 18 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Frank Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners

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.

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently and for their families: Florence Myerscough.

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.

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.**

Please remember to keep a safe distance away from each other when in church. People are asked not to gather in the entrance areas of our churches before and after Mass. Please use it as a corridor and make your way in and out of church as quickly as you can. Thank you.

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.

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.

Links for activities to help our children pray are on our Facebook page and on our parish websites
Activity suggestions Look at the Cafod.org.uk page for prayers for young people or follow the links on our Facebook page or parish websites.

Prayers to share-

We are filled with joy that Jesus rose from the dead, bringing peace and hope for the future.

Let's think about this as we pray together:

We pray for the Church all over the world: that it may continue God's work, reaching out to those who are afraid. Lord, hear us...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may have courage and show our faith in Jesus in all that we do. Lord, hear us...

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

Weekend for men aged over 30 considering a vocation to the Priesthood.

⇒ Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life?

⇒ Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point?

⇒ Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option?

If any of these questions apply, this weekend is for you! The weekend is run jointly by St Beuno's Spirituality Centre and the Beda College in Rome. It will take place at St Beuno's in north Wales. Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2021. The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. The weekend will take place in a prayerful spirit and aims to provide some tools for reflection and discernment about future choices. It will be mainly in silence but there will also be input and the opportunity for one-to-one guidance. Further information Beda College Website:

<https://bedacollege.org/>

Gluten Free Holy Communion

If anyone needs a gluten free host when receiving Holy Communion please let Fr Mark know before Mass so that we can make sure we have enough for everyone who needs one. Thank you.

Our First Holy Communion celebrations will take place at the end of June and early July. If any children in year 4 or 5 who do not attend St Bede's or St Chad's schools, would like to make their First Holy Communion this year please get in touch with us and we will let you know how they can take part in our preparation classes. Thank you.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone

who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.