



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

Parish News

3rd Sunday of Easter. 18th April 2021

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Masses this week.

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
Monday 19 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Patricia Holding (RIP)
Tuesday 20 th April	9.15am	St Bede's	Theresa Roe & McClellan family
Wednesday 21 st April	No Mass		
Thursday 22 nd April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Henry, Ann & Mary Jane Cuerden
Friday 23 rd April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Rodney Hodson
Saturday 24 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Heys and Crawford family's
Sunday 25 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Fr Vincent Cavey (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, 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.

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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children resources for this week.

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and to write on the back one thing that they have learnt today or why they think it is important for all children to have the chance to go to school.

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23179/161405/version/6/file/Third%20Sunday%20of%20Easter%20.pdf>

All children should have the chance to go to school and to learn. Let us think about this as we pray together:

We pray for children in other parts of the world: that they may have the chance to go to school and learn the things that they need for the future. Lord, hear us...

We pray for our teachers and parents: that they may always make time to explain things to us when we do not understand. Lord, hear us...

We pray for the work of CAFOD: that it may continue to help families to send their children to school and have their dreams come true. Lord, hear us...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcCEVTb7Z3w>

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.

The "Road Map" for relaxing Coronavirus restrictions in Church.

Government regulations dictate that the limit of 30 people present in church for a funeral will remain in place until no earlier than 21st June. Baptisms can take place currently with only members of a single household present. After 17th May 30 people may be present in church but any celebration afterwards is subject to the two-household rule or rule of 6 indoors and 30 people outdoors. Visiting people in their homes to bring Holy Communion may only start again after 21st June, though even then only one visit can be made at a time to avoid possible transmission from house to house. In an emergency the priest may visit at any time. From 21st June all restrictions are due to be removed but we have not had any specific advice about when it will be possible for all benches to be used again, singing, Holy Communion under both kinds etc. We will pass on any further information as we receive it.

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

A reading from the First Letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

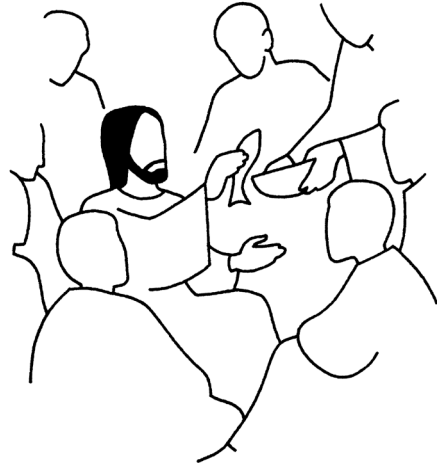
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'