



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

Parish News

4th Sunday of Easter. 25th April 2021

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Masses this week

Saturday 24 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Heys and Crawford families
Sunday 25 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Fr Vincent Cavey (RIP)
Monday 26 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Anthony Finnerty
Tuesday 27 th April	9.15am	St Bede's	Cyril Moss (RIP)
Wednesday 28 th April	No Mass		
Thursday 29 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Mary Ann Clarke, Lucy Ellison & James Sefton
Friday 30 th April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Rodney Hodson
Saturday 1 st May	6pm	St. Bede's	Angelo Gandolfo (RIP)
Sunday 2 nd May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Rev. Fr. George Holden
	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, 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.

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

Florence Myerscough, Isabella Daly and Margaret Drinkwater.

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.

Mill Hill Missionaries 'Red Box' Holders are kindly asked to empty your red collection box, put the money in an envelope and place it in the box at the back of church. Please write your name and contact details on the envelope. They should be placed in the boxes that are at the back of church. Thank you.

This weekend there is a collection for the Priest's training fund. Please use the basket at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. 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.

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.

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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children resources for this week.

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration which can also be found at the back of church. On the back ask them to write or draw what they think caring for the world and your neighbours means and the one thing they will do over the coming week to care for other people, especially those who are poor. Or ask them to write a prayer for all their brothers and sisters around the world who are having a hard life because of poverty.

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23180/161410/version/6/Fourth%20Sunday%20of%20Easter%20.pdf>

Prayers:

We know that Jesus is our shepherd who cares for us and listens to us, and so we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may follow Jesus' example and love and care for their people. Lord, hear us...

We pray for all members of our global family: that we may see that God loves us all equally and treat each other as we would wish to be treated. Lord, hear us...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may not run away when things are hard, but instead look for what we can do to make the world a fairer place for everyone to live. Lord hear us...

As we approach our Archdiocesan Synod, taking place online on 19th June, Synod Members are currently discerning how they will vote on the recommendations that have emerged.



If you haven't seen them yet, there are three places you can find them:

1. Printed in the April edition of the Catholic Pic (www.catholicpic.co.uk)
2. On our Synod Recommendations Website

(www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk) alongside theological reflections on the topics

3. Printed in our Synod book Together on the Road which also includes resources for discernment and the theological reflections (available for £3 from Pauline Books and Media, and the Synod Office, email: synod2020@rcaol.co.uk, Tel: 0151 486 1206).

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers in the coming months.

4th Sunday of Easter. 25th April. Day of prayer for Vocations. Readings at Mass.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

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

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

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

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

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

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you.

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.

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

