

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

Parish News

7th Sunday of Easter. 16th May 2021

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Masses this week

Sat 15 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Ted Murphy
Sun 16 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice Hughes (Anniversary)
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Mon 17 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Maureen Hughes (Anniversary)
Tues 18 th May	9.15am	St Bede's	Neil Yarwood (RIP)
Wed 19 th May	No Mass		
Thur 20 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (EH)
Fri 21 st May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Colin Hobson
Sat 22 nd May	6pm	St. Bede's	Gabrielle Myerscough
Pentecost Sunday			
Sun 23 rd May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention

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, Marie Coleman and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Leading up to the feast of Pentecost next Sunday you might like to say this prayer each day.

Prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with your gifts of wisdom, love and courage.

Make us more like Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church and renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our parish and guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.

Guide us in prayer and action as we learn to become the Church you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



This weekend there is a collection for “World Communications Sunday”. Any money raised goes to enabling the Church to share the gospel through different means of communication. Please use the basket at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. 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 of Primary School 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.

All our parishioners are asked to keep our First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers in the coming weeks.

Confirmation 2021. Archbishop Malcolm will be coming to Chorley in November to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our Deanery. **Any young people in Year 8 and above** are asked to get in touch with their parish or High School Chaplain if they want to be confirmed this year.

Any adults who missed getting confirmed when they were younger are invited to get in touch with Fr Mark if they would like to know more about celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. It would be great to hear from 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.

The “Road Map” for relaxing Coronavirus restrictions in Church.

After 17th May 30 people may be present in church for the celebration of a **baptism** but any celebration afterwards is subject to the two-household rule or rule of 6 indoors and 30 people outdoors.

From 17th May the number of people permitted to attend a **funeral** in church is according to the capacity of the church building. We currently have around 19 benches available in each church so there will continue to be some limit to how many mourners will be able to be present.

From 17th May we have been told that some limited **visiting of people in their homes** is permitted. One visit may be made per day. We are not supposed to go from house to house. We have asked the nursing homes in our parishes if we are permitted to take Holy Communion again and are waiting for them to get back to us. **Any Eucharistic Minister who took Holy Communion to someone in their home before the pandemic is asked to speak to Fr Mark if they are now willing to resume their ministry and we can discuss how this can best be done.**

From next weekend, Pentecost Sunday, we will resume the Prayer of the Faithful at weekend Masses. Readers are asked to take their copy of the prayers from the back of church as they arrive.

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, sign of peace etc. We will pass on any further information as we receive it from the Conference of Bishops.

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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Resources for this week.

Explain to the children that while we all need to share in caring for the planet, the people who can make a really big difference are the leaders of our countries. We need to remind them all the time that we are watching whether they are doing a good job or not. Ask them to colour in the “Eyes of the World” illustration and if they can, to add some different people around the world.

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/45512/539762/version/3/Prayer-children-liturgy-7th-Sunday-Easter-B-pic.pdf>

If you would like to sing along to, Christ Be Our Light follow the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FUPitZ5Xs>

Our Archdiocesan Synod is now drawing to its conclusion after three years of preparation. All 500 Synod members from across the Archdiocese will cast their votes on Saturday, 19th June. The priorities identified at the Synod will form a new pastoral plan which will be implemented across the parishes and Catholic institutions of the Archdiocese. We hope to have this plan by Advent this year.



Here are the first eight of the 19 recommendations that will be voted on at our Synod next month.

Synod Recommendation #1

Evangelisation

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan heed the call of the Church to be courageous in guiding all Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus, and to engage in our mission to help make Jesus known and loved in our world.

Synod Recommendation #2

Lay Ministry

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan must include honouring the many vocations of all the baptised, women and men alike. This will also include a strong commitment to lay ministry including training employed ministers, supporting volunteer ministers, and coordinating their work alongside the clergy.

Synod Recommendation #3

Ordained Ministry

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a strong commitment to ordained ministry including a programme of support and formation for priests, deacons, and seminarians, and coordination of their work alongside lay ministers.

Synod Recommendation #4

A More Inclusive Church

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include action on the part of both parish and archdiocese to announce the welcome we offer to everyone.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include dialogue with those who feel excluded, in order to develop initiatives so that the whole Church can reflect on what it means to be more inclusive.

Synod Recommendation #5

Ecumenism

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a commitment for parishes and schools to develop education about ecumenism which would lead to concrete actions with ecumenical partners.

Synod Recommendation #6

Young People and Young Adults

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a plan to assist parishes in understanding, meeting, forming and welcoming young people and young adults, and developing locally employed and volunteer youth ministers to work with young people and young adults.

Synod Recommendation #7

Faith Formation and Adult Education

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include resources dedicated to adult faith formation offered both in-person and online, at archdiocesan and deanery levels.

Synod Recommendation #8

Catholic Schools

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a comprehensive review of how we hand on and nurture the Catholic faith within the school context.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include the promotion, support, and strengthening of chaplaincy in all our secondary schools, colleges, and further education institutions.

C. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include the creation of two or three models of home/school/parish partnership at both the primary and secondary school levels, which can be developed and shared among all the parishes and schools.

**For more information go to
www.synod2020.co.uk**

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Readings at Mass

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

A reading from the First Letter of St John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

