



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

Parish News

5th Sunday of Easter. 2nd May 2021

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Masses this week.

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
Monday 3 rd May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention
Tuesday 4 th May	9.15am	St Bede's	Richard Moss (RIP)
Wednesday 5 th May	No Mass		
Thursday 6 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Mary, John, Cecily & John Sefton
Friday 7 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	James Bennett (RIP)
Saturday 8 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Marie Fowler nee Clayton (RIP)
Sunday 9 th May	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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Mill Hill Missionaries 'Red Box' Holders at St. Bede's 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.

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.

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 available through the link below or at the back of church. Ask them to draw fruit on the tree. In each fruit ask them to write or draw one way that they will care for their neighbour or the planet in the coming week.

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/54255/755289/version/20/Sunday%20Gospel%20CW%202.5.21.pptx>

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23181/161415/version/6/Fifth%20Sunday%20of%20Easter%20.pdf>

If you would like to sing along to You Are the Vine, We Are the Branches follow this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCeIXOcHKX8>



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.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

A reading from the First Letter of John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear

people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

