

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

Parish News

6th Sunday of Easter. 9th May 2021

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Masses this week

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
Monday	10 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Eileen & Fred Southworth
Tuesday	11 th May	9.15am	St Bede's	Belle Carroll (RIP)
Wednesday	12 th May	No Mass		
Thursday	13 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice & Henry Prescott
Friday	14 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Gabrielle Myerscough
Saturday	15 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Ted Murphy
Sunday	16 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice Hughes (Anniversary)
		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.

The funeral service for Isabella Daly will take place at St Bede's on Tuesday and the Funeral Mass for Margaret Drinkwater will take place at St Bede's on Thursday. Attendance is by family invitation only but please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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.

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.

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.

This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. There is still no obligation to attend Mass so it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. It marks the beginning of the nine days of prayer, the original Novena, for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. You might like to use this prayer as part of your preparation for the great Feast of Pentecost.



Novena 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.

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

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration, and to draw in themselves and their friends into the group of children – one of the children in the illustration is just an outline which they can add their own features on to. On the back ask them to write a prayer giving thanks for their friends, or to write or draw how they will be good friends to others around the world this week.

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23182/161420/version/6/Prayer children-liturgy 6th-Sunday-Easter-B-pic.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23182/161420/version/6/Prayer%20children-liturgy%206th-Sunday-Easter-B-pic.pdf)

If you would like to sing along to, I have seen the Golden Sunshine follow the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtpA2luE1g>

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Readings at Mass

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

A reading from the First Letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

