



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

### Parish News

Pentecost Sunday. 23rd May 2021

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#### Masses this week.

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6pm	St. Bede's	Gabrielle Myerscough
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>			
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St. Chad's	William Spillane (RIP)
<b>Feast of St Bede</b>			
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St Bede's	John Frances Varley (RIP)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Mrs P Vanden
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Donor's intention
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	St. Bede's	Elizabeth Moreen Moss (Anniversary)
<b>Feast of the Most Holy Trinity</b>			
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Ann, Elizabeth, Matthew & William Whittle
	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, Marie Coleman and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

#### Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Smith

whose funeral service will take place at St Chad's on Thursday.

On this great Feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church we thank God for the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. We pray for our Synod which will take place next month and ask God to guide all those who will take part. May this be a moment of blessing and renewal for all the members of the Church in the Archdiocese.

Merciful Father, Faithful God,

our Church has never lacked the life-giving presence of your Holy Spirit.

May your Holy Spirit always be at work among us,

helping us to be more like Christ in our love of you and of our neighbour.

We ask your blessing upon our Synod. May we be truly open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to become ever more fully the Church that you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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.

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

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and ask them to count how many different ways they can see the effects of the wind. Ask them to draw on the back how they will show the effects of the Holy Spirit in their lives in the next week.

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23184/161430/version/6/Prayer childrens-liturgy Pentecost-B-pic.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/23184/161430/version/6/Prayer%20childrens-liturgy%20Pentecost-B-pic.pdf)

If you would like to sing along to, Gods Spirit is in my heart, follow the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VTQvYG-b14>

**Chorley Buddies – Activity Sessions: For you, if you have been shielding, self-isolated or just feel a bit lonely sometimes. Get out of the House Programme – Seated Exercises.** Get out of the house and do some gentle exercise and enjoy some company and support. At Clayton Leisure Centre. Wednesdays from 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10am -11am. Free, or a £3 donation if you can. Book through [chorleybuddiesreferrals@svp.org.uk](mailto:chorleybuddiesreferrals@svp.org.uk) or phone 10257 542367.

### **Little Church Volunteers Wanted!**

Would you like to be part of the Little Church team and help to deliver children's liturgy to our children at Sunday morning mass? We need more volunteers for September, could you help? To find out more or for an informal chat and to find out more, please contact Jo on 07946601573.

### **Special Ministers of Holy Communion**

If you are able to start visiting our housebound parishioners in their homes again, please let Fr Mark know and he can let you know what the current Covid secure guidelines are for visiting people in their homes. If you aren't able to start your ministry again at the moment, please let us know so we can ask someone else to help out. Thank you.

### **Summer Festival – Help needed**

**Chorley Network of Catholic Laity are in the process of planning a summer festival** to be held in the garden of St. Gregory's church on Sunday 11th July from 1-5 pm. The theme is celebration & thanksgiving. Our parishes are invited to initially become involved by agreeing to set up & man a stall. They are hoping to generate some revenue to cover any costs & any extra money raised will be donated to charity. Examples of stalls might be a toy or bottle tombola, cake stall or any other of your choice suitable for adults or children.

**Do we have anyone interested in getting involved at St Chad's or at St Bede's?** We could take on a stall for each parish or we could run one together. We need to let the organisers know soon. If you are interested please let us know through the St Bede's parish office or talk to Fr Mark. Thank you.

### **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. 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 will find the quality of the sound and images better.

**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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 next few the 19 recommendations that will be voted on at our Synod next month.**

### **Synod Recommendation #9**

Children and Young People's Faith Formation

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a programme of formation through which parents (assisted by parish catechists and Catholic schools) can become the primary educators of their children.

### **Synod Recommendation #10**

Spiritual Formation

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a provision to help parishes develop spiritual formation opportunities at the local and deanery level.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan encourage the process of developing "accompaniment parishes" in which family members would accompany one another to deepen faith, and where the parish would play its part in accompanying all who seek "life to the full" within the Catholic Church.

C. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan warmly encourage all Catholics to grow in confidence in the grace of their baptism, taking the initiative to meet with others (using pandemic learning experiences) to share scripture, faith, and prayer.

### **Synod Recommendation #11**

Sunday Liturgy and the Other Sacraments

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan acknowledge the primary place of the Sunday liturgy in the life and mission of the Church.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan propose liturgical formation for both laity and clergy so

that the Sunday liturgy is worthy and central in all we do in both the manner of its celebration and in the mission it engenders.

C. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan provide a way for us to review how we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **Synod Recommendation #12**

Catholic Social Teaching and Creation Care

A. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include fostering a renewed understanding of Catholic Social teaching across the whole Archdiocese.

B. We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include the establishment of a "creation care team" that will assist parishes, deaneries, and schools in taking concrete steps to care for the environment.

### **Synod Recommendation #13**

Love of Neighbour

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include training for parish volunteers who can accompany those most in need; giving special attention to those who are housebound, sick, or immigrants, and to those who are members of cultural and ethnic minorities.

### **Synod Recommendation #14**

Community Building

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include support for small group or family-based gatherings for social activity, study, and shared prayer.

### **Synod Recommendation #15**

Communications and Media

We, the people of the Archdiocese, recommend that the pastoral plan include a commitment to resourcing the promotion, training, and equipping of parish leaders in communication for evangelisation, mission, and community building. This should include model programmes of communication, proper use and recording of data, technology advice, and outreach plans that parishes can adopt.

**For more information go to  
[www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)**

**Pentecost Sunday. 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Readings at Mass**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 15:26-27,16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:

*All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'*