



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

Parish News

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. 13th June 2021

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Synod 2020

As we enter the final week of preparation for the Synod which, after three years of preparation, will take place next Saturday, we are all asked to keep this important event in our prayers.

Prayer leaflets are available at the back of church which give different prayers for each day concluding with this synod prayer. They can also be found on the Synod website: www.synod2020.co.uk/resources and on St Chad's website from this link

*Father of love and compassion, with trust in your great mercy
we place our Synod into your hands.*

Be with each member of our Synod and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.

*Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways
to the challenges we face and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely the Church you are calling us to be.*

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our First Holy Communion celebrations will take place at the end of June and early July. *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 their 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.

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. It can go ahead if Covid-19 restrictions are lifted in time. The theme is celebration & thanksgiving. Our parishes are invited to initially become involved by agreeing to set up and run 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. If we don't have any expressions of interest soon we will have to tell the organisers that we are unable to take part. Thank you.

Masses this week.

Saturday 12 th June	6pm	St. Bede's	Margaret Drinkwater (RIP)
Sunday 13 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Deceased members of the Shorrocks family
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 14 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	John & Margaret Whittle, Ellen Thompson Elizabeth Slater & relatives
Tuesday 15 th June	9.15am	St Bede's	Deceased Ormisher family
Wednesday 16 th June		No Mass	
Thursday 17 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Bill Billington
Friday 18 th June	9.15am	St. Bede's	Austin & Margaret Gardner (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 19 th June	6pm	St. Bede's	Alison Hume
Sunday 20 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving for special blessing

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.

The Funeral Service for Barbara Ridding will take place at St Chad's on Thursday. Places in church are still limited and are by family invitation. Please keep Barbara and her family in your prayers.

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.

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 Program – Seated Exercises. Get out of the house and do some gentle exercise and enjoy some company and support. At Clayton Leisure Centre. Wednesdays 10am -11am. Free, or a £3 donation if you can. Book via chorleybuddiesreferrals@svp.org.uk or phone 01257 542367.

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. If any Special Ministers of Holy Communion are interested in taking the Blessed Sacrament to people in their homes please talk to Fr Mark. Thank you.

Little Church Volunteers Wanted at St Bede's. 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 will need more volunteers if we are able to begin Little Church again in September. Could you help? To find out more please contact Jo on 07946601573 for St Bede's or Fr Mark on 01257 460154.

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

Encourage the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and on the back to draw a small action that they will take to make a real difference to others. Can they do at least one thing this week to make a difference to others, even if it is only something very small? How can they care for our world and people in it, by themselves and with others? https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/24124/173330/version/5/Prayer_childrens-liturgy_11th-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-pic.pdf If you would like to sing along to, The Seed Song, follow the link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da_LbBewte8

Live streaming of our Masses: Mass from our parishes is still 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** with better sound quality than we can provide in our churches, including from St Joseph's, Chorley, St Gregory's, Leyland St Mary's, and Brownedge St Mary's.

11th Sunday of Year B. 13th June 2021 Readings at Mass

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.