



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

Parish News

Solemn Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. 6th June 2021

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 6th June

On this great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ we renew our gratitude for this precious gift. In our celebrations of this Holy Sacrament we are the witnesses of the self-giving love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The presence of Christ within us is renewed and we become more deeply the members of the Body of Christ alive and at work in our world. Our Synod is just two weeks away now. Once again we ask for God to bless the work of the Synod. We are the Body of Christ. Through the work of the Synod may our Church reflect more faithfully the beauty and mercy of Christ in all that we do in His name.

Merciful Father, we humbly thank you for the love you have revealed in the precious gift of the Body and Blood of your Son. May our Synod be an instrument in your hands.

As you have fed us so, may we work to feed our hungry brothers and sisters.

As you have blessed us, so may you make us a blessing to the people you call us to serve.

You have shown us your great mercy, help us to bring your forgiveness and love into the world.

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.

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. 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 5 th June	6pm	St. Bede's	Roger & Eric Haylock (RIP)
Feast of Corpus Christi			
Sunday 6 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Jaden
Monday 7 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Cecily Billington
Tuesday 8 th June	9.15am	St Bede's	Theresa & Eddie Roe (RIP)
Wednesday 9 th June			No Mass
Thursday 10 th June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Deceased members of the Gardner family
Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus			
Friday 11 th June	9.15am	St. Bede's	Charles Brown
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

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.

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 Programme – 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 through 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 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 for St Bede's or Fr Mark on 01257 460154.

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

Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and on the back to draw a special meal that they have shared with family and friends. Encourage them to do one thing this week to share with others, and to try to make a difference so that all people have enough to eat.

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/24123/173325/version/5/Prayer_children-liturgy_Holy-Body-Blood-B-pic.pdf If you would like to sing along to, This is my body, follow the link. https://youtu.be/L5NW_zGdbE8

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**. 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 live-streaming and you will find the quality of the sound and images better.

Sunday 6th June. Solemn Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Readings at Mass.

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R/ The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;

I will call on the Lord's name. ***R/***

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. ***R/***

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. ***R/***

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the

blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he

sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.