



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

Parish News

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 18th July 2021

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Guidance received from the Archdiocese this week concerning Covid-19 restrictions from Monday 19th July.

Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over it is not the intention to restore an obligation to the attendance at Sunday Mass at this point. People should be reminded of the importance of keeping Sunday holy and if possible attending Mass weekly.

Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

*Social distancing will **not** be mandatory in our churches.*

If you have a building that can keep a section for those who would feel safer and less vulnerable by maintaining socially distanced benches you could do so.

Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive. (There will be no need to sanitise benches or people at the end.)

Holy Communion (in the hand) should be restored to its traditional place and with a procession (trying to accommodate those who wish to retain social distancing.)

It is recommended that a steward be used to invite people to the Communion procession row by row.

Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.

Singing can be restored.

Hymn books and service books can be used but only once a day.

The collection basket/plate should still not be passed around.

The Procession of Gifts may be restored (encouraging the use of sanitiser.)

The sign of peace can take place but without any touching, i.e. by a gesture.

Further details may emerge in the coming weeks.

We all want everyone to feel safe in our churches and to prevent the spread of the virus. Please continue to be careful in church, maintaining a safe distance from other people when moving around the building and not 'leaning in' to talk quietly to someone.

A parish is made up people who live out the call of the Gospel in the service of their brothers and sisters among their family and neighbours, at their place of work, in volunteering in their community etc. We also depend on people generously giving their times and talents around our celebration of Mass.

The following ministries will now resume if our volunteers feel comfortable carrying out their roles.

- Key holders who open and close church.
- Sacristans who prepare the altar and church for the celebration of Mass.
- Special ministers of Holy Communion who are able to distribute Holy Communion at weekend Masses.
- Special ministers of Holy Communion who lead services of the word with Holy Communion in the absence of a priest.
- Singers and musicians at our weekend Masses.
- We can once again sell religious items and Mass cards etc at the back of church.

- Little Church will hopefully begin again on Sunday mornings at the start of the new school term in September. We will wait until the new school term to invite our altar servers to take up their ministry again.
- Those who used to prepare the intercessions for weekend Masses are asked to contact Fr Mark if they would like to resume their ministry.
- Readers will now read from the Lectionary again, not from separate printed sheets.
- Leaflets with the prayers of the Mass are available at the back of church. We will resume the recitation of the Gloria and Creed at weekend Masses.

We will try in the next few weeks to distribute Holy Communion at the usual time in Mass, rather than as people leave church. It might take a few attempts to get it working smoothly. We are all going to need to be patient with each other, stepping back to allow someone to pass at a safe distance when necessary, until we get used to a new system. Thank you for your patience.

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.

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.

Baptisms are being celebrated in our churches at midday on Sundays. We are trying to keep celebrations to one family each week to reduce the numbers of people attending each service. If you wish to bring your child for baptism, please ring the office at St Bede's or Fr Mark at St Chad's and we can book a day for your celebration. You can also send us an e-mail with your telephone number and we will call you back. Thank you.

Thank you to all the staff in our two great primary schools who have worked so hard this year to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the children of our parishes. They do a wonderful job. We hope all who work in our schools have a good rest over the summer holidays.

Your help is needed. Donations of non-perishable food and toiletries are needed to support local charities.

Please leave any donations you are able to make at the back of church. They are particularly looking for breakfast cereals, tinned vegetables and tinned meat. Anything received at St Bede's will go to the Brownedge Food Bank and anything received at St Chad's will go to Chorley Help the Homeless at Dorothy House. Chorley Help the Homeless are also looking for donations of household goods – anything that someone might need to set up a new home. Please ring their office on 01257 273320 and they will tell you how you can make your donation.

Chorley Buddies, run by the St Vincent de Paul Society, have done a great service supporting people in our area during the pandemic. They have just received their annual phone bill of nearly £900 because their volunteers spent so much time chatting to people who found themselves alone during the lock downs. Any amount large or small is very welcome to help them meet this bill. You can make a donation on-line at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/paul-mcbeth-3> or any money handed in to church or to either presbytery in an envelope marked "Chorley Buddies" will be handed on to them. Thank you.

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021 that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should be advised to register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk We would ask that you are in your seats by 11.30am. Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral. We look forward to this great occasion in the history of our Archdiocese.

Masses this week

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 17 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	Angelo Gandolfo (RIP)
Sunday 18 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Lawrence Phillips
Monday 19 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Anne & John Wilson (Anniversary)
Tuesday 20 th July	9.15am	St Bede's	Tony Mahon
Wednesday 21 st July		No Mass	
Thursday 22 nd July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Ian Holden
Friday 23 rd July	9.15am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving
Saturday 24 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	Michael Walsh (RIP)

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 25 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Harry, Jane & Jack Starkey
	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, Lawrence Phillips, Anna Howard and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers Margaret Johnston who passed away this week and her family. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

Second Collection this weekend: Provision for Priests in Retirement, 18th July 2021

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.

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.

Invite the children to colour in the illustration from the website, which is also available at the back of church. Encourage the children to write or draw on the back how they will follow Jesus' example of patience and compassion in the coming week. Remind the children to share all that they heard and thought about with the people at home during the week, to take the time that they need to rest, to try to allow others to rest as well, and to try to be patient and compassionate towards others, especially those who are in need. [http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/25316/181917/version/5/Prayer childrens-liturgy 16th-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-illustration.pdf](http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/25316/181917/version/5/Prayer%20childrens-liturgy%2016th-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-illustration.pdf)

If you would like to sing along to "Father I place into your hands" follow this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbljp4-8NdY>

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.

16th Sunday of Year B. Readings at Mass. 18th July 2021

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:

The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R/ The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. ***R/***

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. ***R/***

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is
overflowing. ***R/***

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ***R/***

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.