



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

Parish News

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 25th July 2021

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Masses this week.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 24 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	Michael Walsh (RIP)
Sunday 25 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Harry, Jane & Jack Starkey
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 26 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	James & Elizabeth Westhead & Family, Elizabeth Ellen Smith, James & Mary Waring & Family
Tuesday 27 th July	9.15am	St Bede's	Marie Barnish
Wednesday 28 th July		No Mass	
Thursday 29 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Tom Hughes (In Memory)
Friday 30 th July	9.15am	St. Bede's	Mark Smith
Saturday 31 st July	6pm	St. Bede's	Sister Christine: Golden Jubilee

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 1 st August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention

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 for Margaret Johnston and her family. Margaret's funeral will take place at St Bede's on Thursday this week. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

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.

Guidance received from the Archdiocese concerning Covid-19 restrictions in Church.

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. It is the hope of the Bishops in England that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday will be restored from the First Sunday of Advent, 2021. People should be reminded of the importance of keeping Sunday holy and if possible attending Mass weekly.

Face coverings 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. We will need one Special Minister at each Sunday Mass.
- 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 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.

Ourdes at Home 2021

During the week when the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ourdes should have taken place, a series of events have been organised to help people pray in the spirit of Ourdes. Some events are being live streamed. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the events in person. Mass on Wednesday is at St Mary's, Leyland and Mass on Friday is at St Joseph's, Harpers Lane.

Sunday 25th July Opening Mass - 3pm - Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ **Live Streaming: Facebook page/YouTube channel**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7pm - Fr Des Seddon St Mary's, Prescott Road, Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 6TA **Live Streaming: Fr Des' Facebook page (people need to be added as a friend of Fr Des before they can access)**

Monday 26th July Mass of Our Lady of Ourdes - 12noon - Mgr. John Butchard St Michael's, St Michael's Road, Ditton, Widnes, WA8 8TF No Live Streaming
Rosary - 7pm - Mgr. John Butchard Holy Rosary, Altway, Aintree Village, Liverpool, L10 2LG
Live Streaming: www.churchservices.tv/aintree

Tuesday 27th July Stations of the Cross - 2pm - Fr Des Seddon/Youth coach
Our Lady's prayer garden, Southport Road, Lydiate, Liverpool, L31 4HH
Live Streaming: Facebook page of Parish of St Catherine of Alexandria: Lydiate
Mass of the year "I Am the Immaculate Conception" - 7pm - Fr Simon Gore
St Mary's Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens, WA10 2BE No Live Streaming

Wednesday 28th July Mass of St Bernadette - 12noon - Bishop Tom Williams
St Mary's Priory, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, PR25 1PD **Live Streaming: www.churchservices.tv/leyland**
Reconciliation Reflection - 7pm St Gregory the Great, 94 Liverpool Road, Lydiate, Liverpool, L31 2NA
Live Streaming: www.churchservices.tv/lydiate

Thursday 29th July Mass of Anointing/Healing - 12noon - Fr Grant Maddock St Anne and Blessed Dominic, Monastery Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3ZD No Live Streaming
Night Prayer - 7pm - Fr Mark Beattie St Benet's, Copy Lane, Netherton, Liverpool, L30 7PE
No Live Streaming

Friday 30th July Mass of St Joseph - 12noon - Fr Joe Kendall
St Joseph's, Harpers Lane, Chorley, PR6 0HR **Live Streaming: www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs**
Picnic - 6pm, Rosary and Torchlight Marian Procession - 7.30pm Our Lady's prayer garden, Southport Road, Lydiate, Liverpool, L31 4HH **Live Streaming: Facebook page of Parish of St Catherine of Alexandria: Lydiate**

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 accompanying illustration and on the back to write or draw how they share with others, or what they are able to do to help others locally and globally have enough to eat. Encourage the children to write a prayer for all people who do not have enough to eat in the world or a prayer thanking God for the food that they have.

http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/25318/181927/version/5/Prayer_children-liturgy_17th-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-illustration.pdf

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.

Sunday 25th July. 17th Sunday of Year B. Readings at Mass.

First reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 144

R/ You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. *R/*

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *R/*

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,

who call on him from their hearts. *R/*



Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The gospel of the Lord.