

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

Parish News

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. 29th August 2021

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Masses this week.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 28 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Anthony
Sunday 29 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Adam
Monday 30 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention
Tuesday 31 st August	9.15am	St Bede's	Alwyn Tyrer (RIP)
Wednesday 1 st September		No Mass	
Thursday 2 nd September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Eileen Horan (RIP)
Friday 3 rd September	9.15am	St. Bede's	Derrick Poulson
Saturday 4 th September	6pm	St. Bede's	Haylock family
		23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday 5 th September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Berry & Eccles 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, Elizabeth Cook, 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 Marie Barnish and her family. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.**

Retiring collection for CAFOD Emergency Appeal this weekend. The crisis in Haiti, Afghanistan and the extreme hunger in Ethiopia, South Sudan and Nigeria. Please use the baskets at the back of church if you wish to make a donation, Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions are very welcome in both St Bede's and St Chad's parishes. If you would like Mass to be offered, please use one of the envelopes at the back of church and hand it in to Fr Mark or through the door of either presbytery with your donation. Masses may be offered for anyone, living or dead, or for a prayer close to your heart e.g., vocations, the sick, our schools etc. Over the years requests for Mass to be offered have been an important source of income for our parishes.

We all want everyone to feel safe in our churches and to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 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. **Hand sanitising remains necessary as people arrive. Face coverings remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)**

We now distribute Holy Communion at the usual time in Mass, rather than as people leave church. 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.

Ministry in Church.

It would be great to have a few more readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, people to clean our churches, musicians and singers, flower arrangers, gardeners etc. If you would like to know more about how to get involved or to resume a service to your parish, please get in touch. When Fr Mark gets back in September, we will be holding some open meetings for existing and new volunteers in both our parishes and start some of our regular parish groups again.

You are invited!

Bring your family and celebrate with the whole Chorley Pastoral Area.

Big Sunday Festival.

12th September 1-5pm

St Gregory's Gardens, Weldbank, Chorley. Free Entry. Save the date!

Our two parishes will be running a couple of stalls at this event. We hope to be selling home-made cakes. If you are a baker and are willing to bake something for our stall please get in touch.

Season of Creation.

During the last eighteen months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy. Sadly, there are plenty of people who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable and the latest report from the United Nations warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about terrible fires in Europe, United States, the catastrophic earthquakes in Haiti and the unprecedented flooding in various cities in the world. In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, about these issues and established a Season of Creation in the Church's Year to help us to focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins this week with the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' ON 1 September and runs until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

You will find further information and plenty of resources online, including a helpful section on the Bishops' Conference website: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://catholicbishopsconference.org.uk)

Our 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. Anything received at St Bede's will go to the Browndedge Food Bank and anything received at St Chad's will go to Chorley Help the Homeless at The Gateway, Friday Street. The Browndedge Food Bank are particularly looking for breakfast cereals, tinned vegetables and tinned meat. Chorley Help the Homeless have requested donations of tinned soup, Cup of Soup, Pot Noodles, Long life milk, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, baked beans, sugar, shampoo. 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.

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

Invite the children to colour in the illustration and discuss how they think the children in the picture are showing their love for God. On the back ask the children to write or draw how they. You could look at cafod.org.uk/families for the family resources for this week.