



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

Parish News

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 8th August 2021

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Masses this week.

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 7 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Joan Rainford
Sunday 8 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice, Robert, Margaret, Joseph & Cecilia Barry & Ellen Eccles
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Monday 9 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 th August	9.15am	St Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 th August		No Mass	
Thursday 12 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 13 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 14 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Pat Johnson
		Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Sunday 15 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	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.

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.

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.

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.

Synod 2020 Update

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th. During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live. It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey. The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November. We will keep updating you as steps emerge. Archbishop Malcolm, Fr Philip and Fr Matthew

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.

Share one or more of our family prayer resources for the summer holidays with the children, available from cafod.org.uk/families. These activities for sunny or rainy days will keep the children busy during the long break and also help families to come together in prayer.

Remind the children to share all that they heard and thought about with the people at home during the week. Encourage them to pray for people who are hungry or to share food with others, in any way that they can.