



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

Parish News

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1st August 2021

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Masses this week.

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 31 st July	6pm	St. Bede's	Sister Christine: Golden Jubilee
Sunday 1 st August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Monday 2 nd August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Valerie Hartley
Tuesday 3 rd August	9.15am	St Bede's	Special Intention
Wednesday 4 th August	No Mass		
Thursday 5 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention
Friday 6 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Saturday 7 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Joan Rainford

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 8 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice, Robert, Margaret, Joseph & Cecilia Barry & Ellen Eccles
	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.

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. 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 The Gateway, Friday Street. The Brownedge 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.

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 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.)***

A parish is made up of 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 now 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.

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.