

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

Parish News

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. 5th September 2021

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Masses this week.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4 th September	6pm	St. Bede's	Haylock family
Sunday 5 th September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Berry & Eccles family
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 6 th September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Mass for Kenya
Tuesday 7 th September	9.15am	St Bede's	Donor Intention
Wednesday 8 th September		No Mass	
Thursday 9 th September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Leigh, Marks and Nickson families
Friday 10 th September	9.15am	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Saturday 11 th September	6pm	St. Bede's	Special Intention
		24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday 12 th September	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, Elizabeth Cook, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Clare Yarwood, Marie Coleman, Lawrence Phillips, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers for Marie Barnish and her family. Marie's funeral will take place at St Bede's on Tuesday this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.**

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 you can leave it at the back of the two churches after the Masses on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September.

Ordination at the Cathedral.

Congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3 September.

Bishop Tom, who was ordained in 1982 by Pope St John Paul II in front of 250,000 people in Heaton Park, Manchester, has served in Wigan, Skelmersdale, St Helens, Haydock and, most recently, Widnes.

There will be ordination cards available at the back of church this weekend to celebrate this special occasion. To see photographs of the event, please visit the Archdiocese of Liverpool Flickr account: www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic and there will be an ordination special in September's edition of the Catholic Pic.

Back to school

Thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they prepare for a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Bless their teachers with wisdom and understanding.

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 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.

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

Invite the children to colour in the illustration and in the speech bubble to write or draw what they would say to try and make the world a fairer place for all to live in. Encourage the children to listen well to everything that they are told during the coming week and to try to speak out when they see something that they know is wrong. You could look at cafod.org.uk/families for the family resources for this week.