



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

Parish News

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time. 3rd October 2021

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Masses this week.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday 2 nd October | 6pm | St. Bede's | Recently dead / Ireland |
| Sunday 3 rd October | 9.15am | St. Chad's | In thanksgiving |
| | 11am | St. Bede's | Josephine Griffiths (Patsy) |
| Monday 4 th October | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Padraig O'Grady (RIP) |
| Tuesday 5 th October | 9.15am | St Bede's | Matthew Holmes |
| Wednesday 6 th October | | No Mass | |
| Thursday 7 th October | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Roland Anderton (RIP) |
| Friday 8 th October | 9.15am | St. Bede's | Hazel Melling |
| Saturday 9 th October | 6pm | St. Bede's | Fr. Michael |
| 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sunday 9 th October | 9.15am | St. Chad's | John Hardman (Birthday memory) |
| | 11am | St. Bede's | Jean Mather (RIP) |

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 Preston, Marie Coleman, Lawrence Phillips, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Hazel Melling and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

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.) **At the time of Holy Communion please wait to be called forward by a steward and give people lots of room to pass if you can. Thank you.**

Proclaiming the Word of God.

Thank you to all our readers who proclaim the Word of God at our celebrations in church. They very faithfully help to pray at each Mass carrying out their important ministry. We do need a few more readers. It would be great to have two readers at each weekend Mass. If you would like to volunteer to read please let us know. We can help you prepare, have a practise on the microphone etc.

Altar servers. Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. We will try and give proper training and help you learn as you go along. Please let Fr Mark know after Mass if you would like to get involved. There is a short consent form which we will ask parents to sign and return to us. Altar servers are asked to arrive in good time before Mass starts if they can. Thank you.



UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.

The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015). CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26.

You can sign the petition online here: <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

A new step forward for our Parishes?

CAFOD run a programme called "The *live* simply award". It is an opportunity for Catholic communities to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

What is the *live* simply award?

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.



Some *live* simply award communities have encouraged people to walk or cycle to church or school, install solar panels, join a climate change campaign, support Fairtrade stalls or donate to a local food bank. The award celebrates what you have already done and inspires you to do more. It helps your community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. Some of our parishioners are very keen for us to take part in this programme and to do what we can to be good stewards of the earth and help the most disadvantaged of our brothers and sisters at home and across the world. If you would like to get involved please pass on your name and contact details to Fr Mark. If we get a few volunteers we can meet and look at the next steps for our parishes to take. Thank you.

Retiring collection this weekend: In the UK, for the last sixty years, the Catholic Church has marked harvest time by observing CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day on the first Friday in October. CAFOD uses our offerings to help those across the world who don't have access to the fruits of the earth because of extreme poverty, food shortages, conflicts and natural disasters. A retiring collection will be taken at Masses this weekend for the work of CAFOD. If you pay tax in the UK please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church as this will greatly increase the value of your donation. Thank you. You can find out more about this Friday's fast day on: www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day Donations for CAFOD are welcome at any time. Just place them in the ordinary collection basket at the back of church in an envelope marked "CAFOD" and we will pass them on.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic?

We are now starting our time of preparation for anyone who would like to become a Catholic, either to be baptised as an adult or if they were baptised in another Christian denomination to be received into full Communion in the Catholic Church. If you, or anyone in your family would like to take part in please get in touch. We are happy to give you more information about what is involved in joining the Catholic Church. Please let us know if we can help.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed at St Bede's Church at 9am before the morning Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays during the month of October.

Annual Mass Count

Please could stewards continue to make a note of the total number of adults and children attending all weekend Masses on the following weekends: 2/3 October and 9/10 October. Please leave the numbers counted each week in the sacristy after Mass. Thank you.

St Chad's boiler. Over the summer the inspection of the church boiler resulted in it being shut down due to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in the boiler room. We tried to locate replacement parts but were unsuccessful as the boiler is over 30 years old. The Archdiocese has agreed a loan to cover the cost of replacing the boiler and the contract has now gone out to tender with different heating companies. We hope to have the new heating system up and running by November. We are very sorry if it gets a bit nippy in church over the next month or so.

St Chad's Parish Centre. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be part of a team looking after the parish centre could they please give their name and contact details to Fr Mark. We had hoped that by now a group would be renting the space during the week leaving it free for parish use at evenings and weekends, and helping us meet the costs of having a parish centre. This isn't going to happen this year but we are hopeful for next year. A few groups have approached us about renting the space for weekly or monthly meetings. A few volunteers would help make this possible. Any parish groups that used the building before lockdown are very welcome to start using it again now. We are going to need help with occasional cleaning, odd jobs and repairs, handing out keys, looking after the grounds, stocking up on cleaning materials, checking health and safety requirements etc. If you think you could help please get in touch. It would be great to hear from you.

Next Saturday, 9th October, a few of us will be giving the parish centre a late spring clean at 10am. We need to get it ready for an event that will be hosted by Chorley Buddies the following week. If anyone would like to come along with a mop or a duster and polish, a hoover or a tool box you would be very welcome indeed.

Gluten free hosts for Holy Communion are available at all Masses. Please let Fr Mark know if for medical reasons you need a gluten free host. Let us know before Mass and we can make sure we have enough for everyone who needs one. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy – "Little Church"

"Little Church" will take place this Sunday during 11am Mass at St. Bede's. Extra precautions have been taken to ensure everyone will be safe and happy. Children are asked to come forward at the beginning of Mass. We hope that Little Church will be starting again soon at St. Chad's.

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

Share the accompanying illustration with the children. It shows children who are all Going Green to Brighten Up the world. How many different shades of green could you use to colour in this picture? Encourage the children to draw a picture on the back of the children being welcomed by Jesus, to remind them that all children are special and loved by God.

<http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/47089/571736/version/5/Twenty-seventh%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time.pdf>

Lourdes Pilgrimage.

The Liverpool Archdiocese Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes is back on this year. Thursday 21st July – Saturday 30th July 2022. Ages 15 (or in year 10) – 22 years old. It's a great opportunity for young people to connect with their faith in a fun and practical way. Youth volunteers work in groups to help sick and elderly pilgrims get around Lourdes and attend the services each day. Online applications only. Available on 4th October from liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. Please have a chat to Fr Mark if you would like any further information. We will let you have details of the full Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2022 when we have them.

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.