



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

Parish News

Feast of Christ the Universal King

21st November 2021

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Today is World Youth Day

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, was formerly called National Youth Sunday but Pope Francis has asked that the name be changed to "World Youth Day" when we remember in our prayers all young people and the projects run by the Church and our schools to support them in their faith. There will be a retiring collection for the work of Animate, our Archdiocesan Youth Service, which is made up of a group of young people who give a year volunteering to run retreats in our High Schools, organise the youth pilgrimage to Lourdes and offer other events for young people. They have been very involved in preparing our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of our churches. Please use them if you are a UK tax-payer and are happy for Animate to receive your Gift Aid contribution.

A Prayer for Our Young People

*God and Father,
we ask you to be with young people
as they experience each day the joys and sorrows of life.
Protect them from the dangers
that are present in our world today.
Give them and their families the courage to follow you
as they journey through life.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
may they experience your loving care and mercy.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

Our Masses in November will be offered for those named on our Pious Lists. **If you would like anyone who has died to be included in our Pious List** for Masses celebrated during the month of November, please write their names on a piece of paper and hand it in to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery in an envelope marked Pious List. An offering can also be included in your envelope. Pious List envelopes are available at the back of our churches if you need one.

Also available at the back of our churches are leaflets with some prayers for those who have died and the prayers for the blessing of a grave. Holy Water is also available for you to use if you are visiting the grave of a loved one during this month of prayer for the Holy Souls.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen***

Mass intentions are now being taken for January in both our churches. Our December Mass intentions are now full.

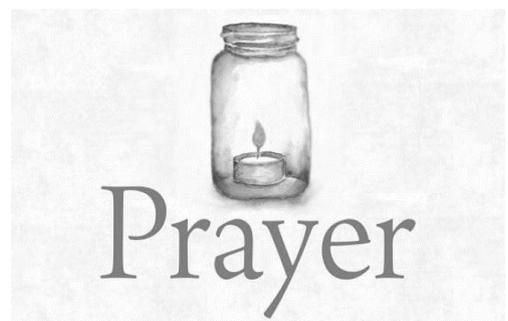


Tea and Coffee after Mass

We hope to serve tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning 21st November at St. Bede's, and the 3rd Sunday in Advent (12th December) in St. Chad's and St. Bede's. We need volunteers to help setting up before Mass and people to serve and clear away after Mass. The more the merrier. Cakes very welcome! Thank you.

St Bede's Prayer Group

Our prayer group meets again this week in St Bede's Church Monday 22nd November. We will meet in the afternoon at 1pm and will finish by 2.30pm. Members of both our parishes are very welcome to attend. New members are warmly invited to come along. Thank you.



St Chad's Boiler

Work to install the new boiler at St Chad's Church began last Monday with a week of asbestos removal. Access to the church through the sacristy is now available again. We hope the works will all be completed in the next two weeks or so and the heating will be restored. Please continue to wrap up warm for Mass until the works are completed. Thank you.

Poinsettias at Christmas

St Chad's and St. Bede's will be decorating the Churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a donation of £5 towards the cost. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. Place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of the churches or put it through the door of either Presbytery. Thank you.

Our New Pastoral Plan

After the meeting of Synod 2020 in June this year, work began on preparing a pastoral plan which would guide the archdiocese in the years to come based on the outcomes of the Synod. This plan will be launched next weekend. Every parishioner will get a postcard giving details of how to access the plan and an invitation to a meeting to hear about it. Copies of the plan will be available online and at Pauline Books and Media from next weekend. Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020. A website with more details will be launched next Sunday.

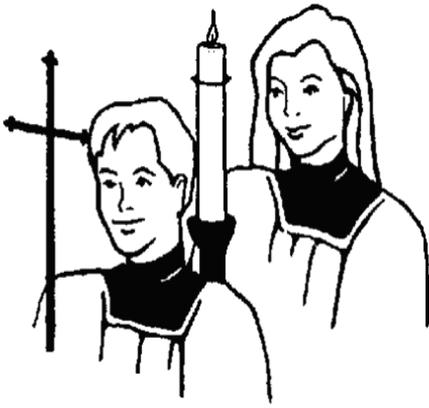
To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

- Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary's Church, Leyland
- Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree
- Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom

Missio Calendars for 2022 are available at the back of Church. Please take one if you wish.

Please have a look at your Parish Piety Stall

Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards and other religious items are available after weekend Masses in both our Churches. Any profits made at our piety stalls go to support your parish. Please have a look and see if there is anything you need.



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.

Liturgy of the word for children: Resources for this week.

Encourage the children to colour in the accompanying illustration of some children listening to their teacher and draw or write on the back how they will listen to Jesus and to others in the coming week. Remind the children to listen carefully to others all week and to try to listen to Jesus every day.

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/6094/51323/version/13/prayer_children-liturgy_Christ-the-King-pic-B.pdf

CAFOD run a programme called “The *livesimply* 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”. ***We have been encouraged to***

take this step in the recent Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop.

What is the *livesimply* award? It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living *simply, in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation*. 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.

A group met last Thursday at St Chad’s and another meeting will be held this **Thursday 25th November at 7pm in St Bede’s Church**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and find out more about this parish project.



St Chad's Craft and Reading groups are now meeting again

After a long break we are going to hold meetings of the St Chad's Craft and Reading Group's. They will be held in **St Chad's Parish Centre**.

Craft group will meet this Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Reading group will meet on 3rd December at 2pm - 4pm.

Members of both our parishes are very welcome to attend. New members are warmly invited to come along. Thank you.

Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal



As part of The Christmas Joy Project, co-ordinated by Chorley Council, most of the Catholic schools and Parishes in Chorley, have committed to donating new toys for distribution to families in Chorley.

If you want to donate new toys, then please

- bring them into church **unwrapped!**

From w/c Monday 6th December, SVP Chorley Buddies will collect the toys from the church, take them to St Laurence's for

storage and distribution by Chorley Council to families who might need some help this Christmas. The last collection will be on Friday 10th December.

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LGBTQ+ Catholics Liverpool Archdiocese Prayer and Support Group.

Our next Mass will be at All Saints Church, Anfield, on Sunday 5th December at 12.30pm followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families and friends, but also to anyone who would like to come along. It would be helpful to know who might attend for catering purposes. If you are intending to come along you are very welcome but please do let us know: You can phone Canon Stephen Maloney 0151 287 8787 or email on frsmaloney@aol.com. More information is given on our church notice boards.



Chorley Help the Homeless Winter Appeal

Much work was done at the beginning of the pandemic to make sure that everyone had a safe place to sleep at night but now the numbers of those sleeping rough is rising again. Chorley Help the Homeless are appealing for warm clothes, men's underwear, waterproof clothing, socks, sleeping rolls, sleeping bags, toiletries including shaving foam and razors, and tinned meat and microwaveable food. We will pass on anything donated through our parishes. Please have a look through your cupboards and see if there is anything that you don't use that might make a real difference to someone who has to sleep rough in our community. Donations can be left at the back of church or handed in to either presbytery.

Calling all First Holy Communion Catechists.

Early next year, the Pastoral Development Department of the Archdiocese are planning a series of conversations with the With You Always Catechists **to discuss the way forward in the light of the forthcoming Pastoral Plan**. If you are one of the catechists and would be interested, please email pd@rcaol.org.uk with your *name, deanery, parish, and email* address so we can make sure any further information reaches you directly and on time. Thank you!

Proclaiming the Word of God.

Thank you to the parishioners who have offered to volunteer to read at our weekend Masses. If you have already spoken to Fr Mark or if you would like to become a reader, **please let us have your name and contact details** so we can put a new rota together. Thank you.

Special Ministers of Holy Communion

If any of our Special ministers of Holy Communion would like to resume their ministry at weekend Masses, please let Fr Mark know. We need the assistance of one minister at weekend Masses at St Bede's and we need help at St Chad's when Deacon Simon isn't able to be with us. Thank you.

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.**

Holy Communion whilst in hospital.

Please contact St. Joseph's Presbytery if any of your family is admitted to Chorley Hospital 01257 262713.

In Preston Hospital, please inform the chaplain on 01772 522435.

In Wigan Infirmary, please inform the chaplain on 01942 822324.

Paper copies of **The Catholic Pic** are now available again at the back of our churches. They are free. Please take one if you wish. If we need more copies, we can request more for the next edition. **The Universe** Catholic newspaper is now only available on-line. Go to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk to read the latest edition.

CAFOD are delighted to say that our Fun Run is back after a year of being virtual like everything else in 2020, and we would love for parishioners from your parish to join if possible! The event takes place on **Bank Holiday Monday 27th December 2021** at **Wavertree Athletics Centre, Wellington Road, L15 4LE**. Registration is from **10am for an 11am run/walk/toddle 3k or 5k!**

If you can't make it on the day, we'd love for people to participate virtually and run wherever and whenever they like! Sponsorship and donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/campaign/cafodchristmasfunrun

You can also sign up for our daily Advent reflections: These reflections have been very popular and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit our interactive Advent calendar here cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar for more details.

Masses this week

Saturday 20th November

6pm St. Bede's Pious List

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (PW2)

Sunday 21st November

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners Living and Dead

11am St. Bede's Pious List

Monday 22nd November

9.15am St. Chad's Pious List

Tuesday 23rd November

9.15am St Bede's Pious List

Wednesday 24th November No Mass

Thursday 25th November

9.15am St. Chad's Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 26th November

9.15am St. Bede's Pious List

St. Bede's Primary School, Year 4 will also be attending Mass

Saturday 27th November

6pm St. Bede's Pious List

First Sunday of Advent Cycle C (PW1)

Sunday 28th November

9.15am St. Chad's Pious List

11am St. Bede's Parishioners Living and Dead

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