



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

# Parish News

Third Sunday of Advent

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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## **Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning**

**We have received the following Covid-19 guidelines for Christmas in our Churches from the Archdiocese**

*"We are still living with the Pandemic – in spite of the actions of many it has not gone away (and may even get worse.) We, therefore, need to be both cautious and welcoming in our guidelines for Christmas 2021. We want people (and especially families) to feel welcome to celebrate Christmas in church. Face coverings are still expected to be used in church – this may be difficult to enforce but given the vulnerability of some who will come to church we need to do our best to keep them safe. Try to keep the building well ventilated. Ensure that people are not inside the church for too long. Other suggestions: Extra Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day may encourage safer numbers. Attending Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December could be encouraged rather than Christmas Eve or Christmas Day."*

**Please read the following information about our Masses over Christmas.**

You must wear a face-covering when attending Mass if you do not have a medical exemption. Booking a place will not be necessary but if our churches become too full we will not be able to admit any more people. Stewards will show people to a bench as they arrive filling the church from the front. Please do not ask for a particular bench. We will need the benches at the back for people who arrive later. Please wrap up warm as we will try to keep our buildings well ventilated. If you are uncomfortable in crowded places, please consider coming to Mass on Christmas morning or on Sunday as our Christmas Eve Masses tend to have larger numbers attending. We will have to limit the number of people in the porch areas at the back of our churches to maintain

social distancing. Thank you for your understanding as we try to help everyone feel safe when they attend Mass.

**There will be no Vigil Mass for Sunday on Christmas Day.**

**Christmas Eve: Friday. 5pm St Bede's: 6.30pm St Chad's: 8pm St Bede's**

**Christmas Day: Saturday. 9.15am St Chad's: 11am St Bede's**

**Boxing Day: Sunday. 9.15am St Chad's: 11am St Bede's**

### **Tea and Coffee after Mass**

We will be serving tea and coffee after Masses on Sunday morning this weekend in St. Chad's and St. Bede's. Please come along if you can. The more the merrier. Cakes very welcome! The money raised from your donations at St Chad's will go towards our Christmas flowers. At St Bede's the money raised will go to parish funds. 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.

**Please have a look at your Parish Piety Stall after Mass.**

Cribs, 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.

**Cafod 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](https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar) for more details.

### **Our new Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan**

Our new Pastoral Plan will chart the way forward for the archdiocese in the years to come. The Plan is available at <https://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk/> There is a summary document and a postcard for you to take home containing details of how to access the pastoral plan online.

### **THE NEW PASTORAL PLAN AND ADVENT MONDAYS**

This Advent we are combining our Advent Mondays' reflections with some aspects of the Pastoral Plan. The four themes we picked are *accompaniment, youth and young people, synodality, and structures and property* in service of the mission of the Church. After a very brief input, we will listen to some spontaneous

reactions to the questions we have asked our young people at St Julie's Catholic High School, Woolton. We will invite you to share your own reactions to the themes in break-out rooms, and end with a time of prayer and reflection based on a scripture passage linked to the theme and to Advent. We will close each session in a prayerful mood to allow you to continue praying and pondering should you wish to do so even after the hour is over.

**If you would like to join us for any of these sessions, please sign up for the zoom link at: <https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776> or through the website [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays)**

### **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.

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

Share the accompanying activity sheet with the children. Invite them to decorate the bauble by writing or drawing something that brings them joy and how they can share joy this Advent, cut it out and hang it on their tree once it is up. Remind them to try their best to share and to spread joy throughout their neighbourhood in the coming week.

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/57639/787382/version/1/Prayer\\_family\\_3rd-week-Advent.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/57639/787382/version/1/Prayer_family_3rd-week-Advent.pdf)

For a video recipe showing how to make Brazilian biscuits which you can share with friends and family go to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone/Recipes-for-children>

### **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.

## Masses this week

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December

6pm St. Bede's J & P

### Third Sunday of Advent (PW3)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am St. Chad's Tony Glynn (RIP)

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am St. Chad's Anne Wilson - Anniversary

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am St Bede's John & Marie Smith

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December No Mass

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am St. Chad's Annie & Harold Ainscough

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am St. Bede's Kate Walsh

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

6pm St. Bede's Ann & Eric Wood

### Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Michael Farrell (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, Marie Coleman, Lawrence Phillips, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Hazel Melling, Derek Shaw and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.