



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

Parish News

Fourth Sunday of Advent

19th December 2021

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Masses are streamed several times each week on this page.

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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 26th 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.
- Please wait in your seat at the end of Mass until told to leave by one of our stewards to avoid congestion in the porch area.

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

Thank you to all the staff in our parish schools who have done so much to support our children and their families throughout the year and have worked hard to run excellent nativity plays and carol services. We pray they will have a great celebration of Christmas and enjoy a very well-earned break over the next couple of weeks.

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.

Christmas cards to the Holy Land and Garth & Wymott Prisons: We have sent 45 cards to the Holy Land and 47 cards to our local prisons. Thank you for your support for our fellow Christians living in difficult circumstances and the many prisoners who get great solace from this act of kindness.

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 for more details.

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 the names of all the people who love them and who they love on it. Encourage them to cut it out and hang it on their tree once it is up. Remind them to try and show their love for others in some way in the coming week.

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/57810/789140/version/1/Prayer_family_4th-week-Advent.pdf

For a Christmas card colour-in template go to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/57625/787215/version/1/file/WG%20card%20Advent.pdf>

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 18th December

6pm

St. Bede's

Ann & Eric Wood

Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)

Sunday 19th December

9.15am

St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am

St. Bede's

Michael Farrell (RIP)

Monday 20th December

9.15am

St. Chad's

Denis Gray (RIP)

Tuesday 21st December

9.15am

St Bede's

Peter Fishwick (RIP)

Wednesday 22nd December

No Mass

Thursday 23rd December

9.15am

St. Chad's

In memory of Vincent Noblet

12 noon

St Bede's

Funeral Mass for Derek Shaw

Friday 24th December

5pm

St. Bede's

Agnes Paul (RIP)

6.30pm

St. Chad's

Hughes Family

8pm

St. Bede's

In loving memory

Saturday 25th December

9.15am

St. Chad's

Darcie Tillotson

11am

St. Bede's

Parishioners

Sunday 26th December

9.15am

St. Chad's

Elizabeth (Betty) Monk

11am

St. Bede's

Brian Torevell (Anniversary)

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, 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.

Please keep in your prayers Derek Shaw who died this week and his family.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.