

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

Parish News

Second Sunday of Christmas
2nd January 2022

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and
www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"
Masses are streamed several times each week on this page.

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Parish Office 01772 335209

**The office is open this week on Tuesday 10-5pm, Thursday 10-3pm
and Friday 10-3pm**

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie 01257 460154

Dear friends,

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy 2022. I ask you to keep our parishes in your prayers, asking God to help us continue to be a willing instrument in His hands.

Later in 2022 we will start to see the implementation of the pastoral plan, launched at the beginning of Advent, which is the fruit of our Synod. We hope there will be new initiatives to support our young people, new opportunities to deepen our knowledge of our faith, support in our mission to share the gospel in our community, and greater collaboration across our new deanery, sharing resources and opportunities for prayer.

It's probably best to not hold too many meetings for the next few weeks, until the Covid-19 situation improves a bit, but when we can it will be good to get together to talk about our parishes and see what people would like to see happening in the coming year. I'm sure there is no shortage of good ideas. In 2022 both our parishes will be starting the CAFOD 'Live Simply' scheme that will help us to look together at how we can better care for our world and for our brothers and sisters in need in our own community and further afield, building on the great work that is already being done.

On a more personal note, I would like to say thank you to everyone who took time to send a card or leave a gift for me over the past couple of weeks. I appreciate them all very much and am very touched by your kindness. I hope you have all enjoyed your celebration of Christmas. You are all remembered daily in my prayers.

*God bless,
Fr Mark*

St Bede's Prayer Group

**Our prayer group will meet again in St Bede's Church on
Mondays 1pm – 2.30pm - beginning on 10th January.**

Everyone from both our parishes is very welcome to come along.

The meetings will continue to be held in church
so that we can maintain social distancing for those who wish.

Poinsettias at Christmas: Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help us decorate our Churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. A card of dedication has been placed by each plant donated. You are invited to take away the plant with the dedication you requested after 6th January.



Reconciliation

If anyone would like to make their Confession, please let Fr Mark know on 01257 460154. We aren't able to use the confessionals at the moment due to the risk of transmitting the virus, but we can arrange to meet in church or outside at a time convenient to you.

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

Encourage the children to colour in the accompanying illustration of Jesus, and to think about how they will follow his example. What will they do as a family in the coming week to show that they are following Jesus?

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/54371/756236/version/2/Prayer children-liturgy_2nd-Sunday-Christmas-illustration.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/54371/756236/version/2/Prayer_children-liturgy_2nd-Sunday-Christmas-illustration.pdf)

We have had a great response to the appeal by **Chorley Help the Homeless** 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.

Thank you to everyone who help towards this appeal. Donations are always welcome. Just leave them at the back of church. Thank you.

Donations for the food bank operating from St Mary's Browndedge, which supports people living in St Bede's Parish, are also welcome. Please leave donations in the box at the back of St Bede's church. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2022. Preparation for our First Holy Communion children this year will begin in February. If you have a child in Year 4 or above who does not attend school at St Bede's or St Chad's and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please call Fr Mark and we will make sure you know when the preparation sessions are starting. Thank you.

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.

And we commend to God's mercy all who have died, especially members of our families and our parishes.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

May they rest in peace. Amen.

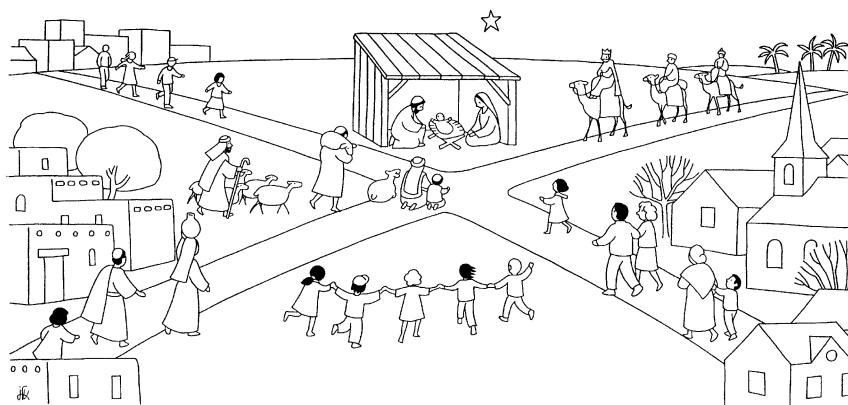
Holy Communion whilst in hospital.

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 1st January

Mary, Mother of God

Midday

St Chad's

Parish Volunteers

6pm

St. Bede's

Parishioners

Sunday 2nd January

9.15am

St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am

St. Bede's

Barbara Cranshaw (RIP)

Monday 3rd January

11am

St. Chad's

Jack, Margaret & David Nolan

Tuesday 4th January

9.15am

St Bede's

Kathryn & Derek Curley (RIP)

Wednesday 5th January

No Mass



Thursday 6th January **Epiphany of the Lord**

9.15am St. Chad's Eithne Flanagan (RIP)

12 noon St Bede's James Collender

Friday 7th January

9.15am St. Bede's Buonvecelli, Pedicelli & Lenart (RIP)

Saturday 8th January

6pm

St. Bede's

Therese Roe (RIP)

Sunday 9th January

Baptism of the Lord (PW3)

9.15am

St. Chad's

William & Ivy Smith (Anniversary)

11am

St. Bede's

Parishioners