



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

Parish News

Baptism of the Lord
9th January 2022

Parishioners are gently reminded to help each other to stay safe while we are in church together.

- Face coverings must be worn over the mouth and nose while you are in church, unless you have a medical exemption.
- You are asked to use the hand sanitizer as you enter the church. You may also sanitize your hands as you leave church if you wish.
- Please don't gather in the porch area to chat before or after Mass.
- There will be no tea and coffee after our Sunday Masses this month.
- At weekend Masses you are asked to wait in your bench until a steward invites you to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Thank you for keeping these few simple precautions in mind when you are in church.

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 now invited to take away the plant with the dedication you requested after Mass.

We apologise to anyone who has tried to telephone St Chad's this week and was unable to get through. The line went down on Tuesday and it is taking a while for an engineer to get out to fix it. If you need to get in touch with Fr Mark, please send an e-mail or telephone the parish office at St Bede's and leave a message and we will call you back. 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.

St Chad's Craft Group

We meet every Tuesday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Meetings resume on 11th January.

Everyone is welcome, no skills required.

We are a self-help group from beginners to experienced crafters who pass on their skills.

St Chad's Reading Group

We meet once a month on Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Centre. Meetings resume on 14th January.

Books are provided from the County Library service and available to borrow at each meeting. New members are very welcome.



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.

Universal Synod 2023

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phase of Synod 2020. To participate in this worldwide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from **Monday 10 January 2022**, as well as submit your responses online at www.liverpoolcatholicresource.com/synod2023

The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022. For queries, please send an e-mail to: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk

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

Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and on the back to draw how they will show the Holy Spirit working in them over the coming week. Create and decorate a large dove – symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask the children to put a prayer for peace on the back of the dove.

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/7323/60573/version/6/Prayer_children-liturgy_Baptism-of-the-Lord-pic-C.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 Brownedge, 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.



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.

Please keep in your prayers John Nickson and Norman Hamilton who have died recently and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Masses this week

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| Saturday 8 th January | 6pm | St. Bede's | Therese Roe (RIP) |
| Sunday 9 th January | | Baptism of the Lord (PW3) | |
| | 9.15am | St. Chad's | William & Ivy Smith (Anniversary) |
| | 11am | St. Bede's | Parishioners |
| Monday 10 th January | | | |
| | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Margaret Riley (RIP) |
| Tuesday 11 th January | | | |
| | 9.15am | St Bede's | Jenny Witte |
| Wednesday 12 th January | | No Mass | |
| Thursday 13 th January | | | |
| | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Cicely & Frank Billington |
| Friday 14 th January | | | |
| | 9.15am | St. Bede's | Rose – Sanderson family |
| Saturday 15 th January | | | |
| | 6pm | St. Bede's | Marie Rose Sanderson |
| Sunday 16 th January | | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2) | |
| | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Parishioners |
| | 11am | St. Bede's | Max & Eunice Jessop |

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.

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.

E-mail: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

**Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open this week on Tuesday 10-5pm,
Thursday 10-3pm and Friday 10-3pm**

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