

**Parishes of  
St. Bede's, Clayton Green  
& St. Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods**

Sunday 29th November 2020



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*Dear Friends,*

*This weekend, wherever we are, we begin our yearly journey towards Bethlehem, to meet the Saviour of the world laid in a manger. We have had a year unlike any other we can remember. Now God offers us the gift of Advent as a time when we can draw closer to Him, and once again know His presence and His mercy in our lives. I think we all need the hope that God invites*

*us to find again at this time of the year.*

*Advent is a time of 'holy waiting'. Our God is coming. It's as certain as the sun rising in the morning. In His own time, in His own mysterious way, He keeps His promise. We wait each day in hope, trusting in His wisdom and His faithfulness to us.*

*The great prayer of Advent is the ancient Christian cry of "Maranatha", "Come Lord". It is a prayer we make in our hearts. Our longing for God's saving action in our world is always answered with the Word God speaks to us, the Word made flesh, Jesus.*

*A great Saint said that the word God speaks was given in the silence of that night in the stable of Bethlehem, and it is heard best today in the silence of our hearts. It is when we make time to be still and to be open to God's gentle action in our hearts that His Word is heard today. I hope that Advent is a time when we can all make a bit more space to be still and to listen, to silently wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour. Perhaps this is why Jesus asks us all to "stay awake" – keep listening, keep looking, keep your heart open to His call.*

*We have much to pray for this Advent. So many of our brothers and sisters are living with fear of what the new year will hold for them.*

*Maranatha. Come Lord! And help us to see that You are the answer to our prayers.*

*After our second time of closure it is great that some of us will be able to gather again for the celebration of Mass from Thursday this week. For those who are unable to be with us again yet, you are still very much remembered at the altar each day.*

*God bless, Fr Mark*

## Masses this week

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 First Sunday of Advent Year B.

Prayer of the Church: Week 1

**Masses will be streamed on our Facebook Page at the times shown below and our Churches will be open again for worship from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	11am Pious List
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	11am Parishioners living and dead
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	11am Parishioners living and dead
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	11am Marie Rose Sanderson
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	NO MASS

### Our Churches reopen

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.15am Mass St. Chad's	Frank Billington (RIP)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Mass St. Bede's	Mena Shaw
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Mass St. Bede's	Jimmy Maher

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Mass St. Chad's	William & Ivy Smith (Anniversary)
	11am Mass St. Bede's	Robert Robertson (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, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Helen Witte, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Therese Roe and Mark Smith. The residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

### We pray too for those who have died recently:

Winifred Baxendale, Mena Shaw, Richard Farnworth.  
Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**COVID-19 Regulations:** Holy Communion may not be taken to people in their homes at the present time. Please ring Fr. Mark on 01257 460154 if you would like to keep more in touch with the parish. It would be great to hear from you even if just for a chat on the phone.

### Live streaming of our Masses

Mass from our parishes is being streamed on our Facebook page. Go to Facebook and look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group. **Mass will hopefully be streamed on this page each morning at 11am during lockdown**

If you don't use Facebook or if you fancy a bit of a change now and again you can use this site

<https://www.churchservices.tv/county/lancashire/>

to find lots of other Masses being streamed. Follow the link below to see Mass streamed from St Joseph's, Chorley, St Gregory's, Leyland St Mary's, and Brownedge St Mary's.

### ***Prayer of Spiritual Communion for times we are unable to attend Mass***

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**Helping us pray:** At [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) you will see other churches in our diocese which are streaming their services. Each week the Archdiocese provides good resources to help us to pray with the readings used at weekend Masses. Go to [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/) and click on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

**Thank you to our flower teams who have prepared our Advent Candle displays very beautifully this week. Donations for Church flowers for Christmas are very welcome. Thanks too to our cleaning teams and stewards who have prepared our churches to be reopened this week. Your work is very much appreciated.**

**We have received the following notice about flowers for Christmas at St Chad's.**

*St Chad's will be decorated for Christmas again this year 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. Envelopes are available at the back of St Chad's Church, or place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it through the door of the Presbytery. Thank you.*

**If you go to these websites you will find resources to help our children pray on Sundays.**

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22013/roots-building-gods-family-tree.pdf>

<https://vimeo.com/473411594>

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21981/roots-now-and-then.pdf>

**Throughout the November, the month of the Holy Souls, we remember in our prayers especially those who have died.** We are still gathering names of those who have died for our "Pious List" who will be remembered in Masses in both our churches throughout November. We are honouring Mass Intention requests for November that have already been handed in, but all other Masses will be offered for the names on our list.

If you wish to include anyone on our Pious List, please write their name on a piece of paper and hand it in through the door of either Presbytery using an envelope marked "**Pious List**". You may also include a donation for the parish. If you use our parish Gift Aid envelopes, please write your envelope number on your envelope and we can claim the Gift Aid for your donation. Thank you.

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

***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** At present due to Covid 19 restrictions we are not permitted to celebrate this sacrament in the confessional. If anyone would like to make their confession, please telephone Fr Mark on 01257 460154 and we can arrange to meet outside one of our churches.

**Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank** the volunteers and recipients of the foodbank wish to thank all the parishioners for their continuing support in providing a wide range of good quality food. **Donations can still be made at Morrison's in Bamber-Bridge.** Your generosity enables us to deliver essential food items to nearly thirty families. We are now in a good position to offer help to more families and individuals in need. We cover Bamber Bridge, Clayton Brook, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. If you need food or know of anyone who needs support with food, please contact [tony.bctfb42@gmail.com](mailto:tony.bctfb42@gmail.com) or telephone 07751361960

***The following information is to refresh your memory about how we are safely gathering in Church again from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the celebration of Mass.***

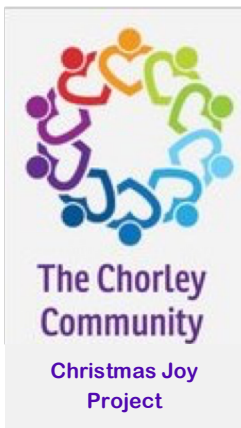
***If you are not in great health or are in one of the “at risk” groups it might be best to take medical advice before returning to church at the moment. If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring me and we can talk it through. 01257 460154.***

- Never come to church if you have a high temperature, a new persistent cough or have lost your sense of taste or smell. Call 111 and ask for advice.
- Please note that both our Churches have around 30 benches available. As places in church are limited we may not be able to accommodate everyone who would like to attend. Do not share a bench with someone who is not in your household or “bubble”.
- If people come to church with people from their household or “bubble” they will be able to sit together so more people will be able to attend Mass.
- Please follow the instructions of our stewards.
- Please bring a face covering which must be worn while you are in church.
- Please use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving church.
- Follow the signs which indicate a one-way system for moving around church.
- Please try to arrive no more than about ten minutes before Mass begins unless you are acting as a steward.**
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the very end of Mass and you will walk directly out of church after receiving Holy Communion. Only leave your bench when told to by a steward. Please respect those who are still receiving Holy Communion after you by keeping an atmosphere of prayer at the back of church.
- Do not gather in groups outside church before or after Mass and always keep doorways clear. Do not block the way out for someone leaving church after you.
- The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been suspended.
- We are required to take contact details, (name and telephone number), of everyone who attends Mass, for the government track and trace programme. If you have attended Mass before you will be ticked in by a steward. If you use the NHS Covid-19 app you can check in using the posters at the back of church.
- Entry to church through the presbytery is currently suspended.
- The sacristy is closed to the parish.
- There will be no ministries exercised during Mass until further notice apart from a reader and the priest. There will be no music, Little Church, special ministers of Holy Communion, collectors etc.

## Christmas Masses

As places in our churches are still restricted due to Covid-19 precautions we have been advised by the Archdiocese to “ticket” our Masses over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year. It is sad that we have to do this but we want to keep everyone safe and to avoid disappointing anyone. There will be as many Masses as are needed, provided we have enough volunteers to open our church for Mass safely.

**We will let you know next weekend how to book your places.** You are asked to remember that we are currently not obliged to attend Mass and we understand that many people may not wish to be in a large group in Church at the moment. It is hoped that people might attend Mass and visit the crib at some time during Christmas week to spread out our numbers over more than one day. Please let others who normally attend Mass at Christmas know that they will need to reserve their place this year or they may be disappointed. Bookings will be taken from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December so please don't try and book a place before then. Thank you.



## Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal

As part of The Christmas Joy Project, co-ordinated by Chorley Borough Council, most of the Catholic schools and Parishes in Chorley, have committed to collecting new toys for distribution to families in Chorley. If you want to donate new toys, then please wrap them in Christmas wrapping paper and label them as M, F or N (for Neutral) and the appropriate age range and bring them into church when we are open again.

Whenever you need your donations to be picked up please email Chorley Buddies on [chorleybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:chorleybuddies@hotmail.com) and we will attempt to be there the next day. But please be patient if it takes us longer.

**Christmas joy appeal:** SVP Chorley (of which Chorley buddies is a part) are offering a phone call over Christmas to any one who is lonely. All volunteers are DBS checked. For more information please email [chorleybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:chorleybuddies@hotmail.com) or telephone 01257 542367.

*Chorley Buddies, a part of the SVP National Network.*

**Sunday 29 November 2020**  
**Readings at Mass**

**First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down!  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but  
you act like this for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of  
ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like  
leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name or roused himself to  
catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay,  
you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

**Responsorial Psalm**

***God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine  
on us and we shall be saved.***

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

***God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine  
on us and we shall be saved.***

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

***God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine  
on us and we shall be saved.***

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

***God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine  
on us and we shall be saved.***

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you  
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him  
that you have been enriched in so many ways,  
especially in your teachers and preachers; the  
witness to Christ has indeed been strong among  
you so that you will not be without any of the  
gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our  
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep  
you steady and without blame until the last day,  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by  
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ;  
and God is faithful.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay  
awake, because you never know when the time  
will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he  
has gone from home, and left his servants in  
charge, each with his own task; and he has told  
the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,  
because you do not know when the master of the  
house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,  
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find  
you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay  
awake!'