

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

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.



Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie

**St Bede's Parish Office is now closed.**

**For all parish enquiries please telephone Fr Mark on 01257 460154**

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and [www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group.

**E-mail:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk) or [stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk)



Dear friends,

Our Gospel reading this weekend is a source of encouragement for us as we try to hear the call of God in our own lives.

It seems easy for them. They hear the voice of Jesus and drop everything to follow Him.

But St Mark pulls no punches in how honestly he presents the disciples in his Gospel. They often get the wrong end of the stick. They argue about which of them is the most important. They are slow to let go of their fears and sometimes they

doubt that Jesus can save them from the danger they face. At the moment of our Lord's greatest need of their support they fall asleep and then run away, leaving Him to face His suffering alone. They are not a very inspiring bunch.

But Jesus never waits until we are perfect to invite us to follow Him. He would have very few people to choose from if that were the case. No, He sees something we often don't see in ourselves - a potential to change, to grow and to learn. Jesus invites us to know Him better, to keep company with Him, to be His friends. It is this that changes us and shows us who we can be with God at our side and at work in our hearts.

As we have to keep on staying at home at the moment I wonder if there is a time each day which we can give back to God to listen to Him, as He is always ready to listen to us. Each of us can read a short passage from the Gospels. Ask Jesus to give you a bit of light to see what He wants you to remember or to understand in a deeper way. He is still calling us to follow Him when we listen, not because we seem to be very promising material, but because He loves us and wants to share our lives with us. His presence in our lives is a gift beyond price. May we all learn to treasure His presence with us more deeply in these strange times.

I keep you all daily in my prayers.

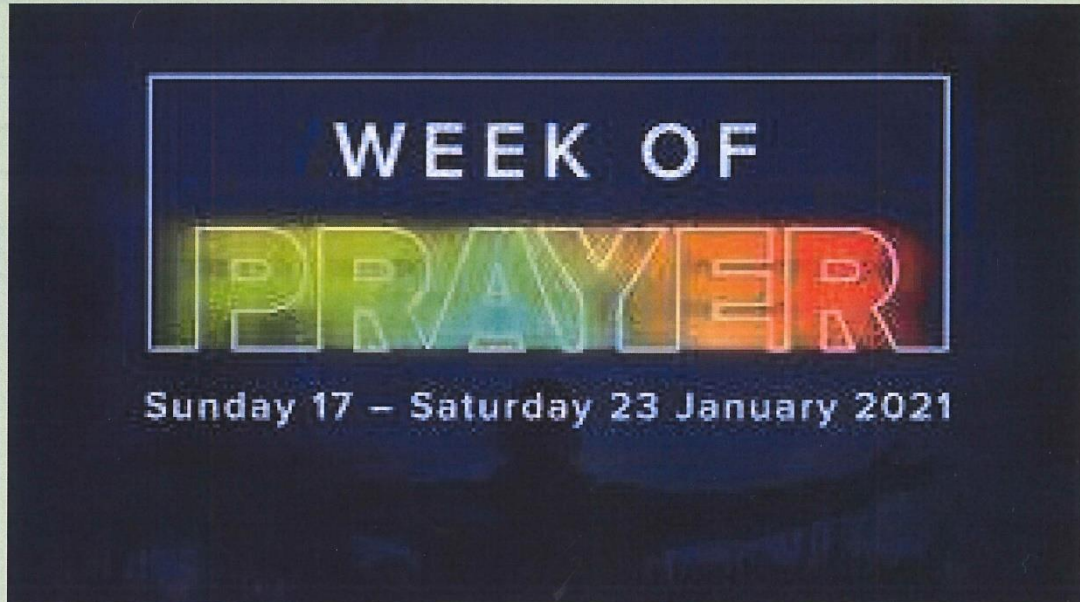
God bless,

Fr Mark





*A service to mark  
The Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7pm  
Via Zoom*



*A service of  
reflection and thanksgiving  
for the life in Christ we share together  
With contributions from across the  
Christian Community in Lancashire*

*Join Zoom Meeting*

*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83311577014?pwd=cGN6TEF2cG02UnNYa1Q1ciVTMkJPdz09>*

*Meeting ID: 833 1157 7014*

*Passcode: 831897*

*Let us know you are joining*

*<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/134771831175>*

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Here are the active links for the event mentioned on the previous page.

This is the link which should bring you to the zoom broadcast on Sunday evening.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83311577014?pwd+cGN6TEF2cl02UnNYa1Q1c1VTMkJPdz09>

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/134771831175](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/134771831175) Click here to register for the event.

## Masses this week

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Our church buildings are currently closed following a request from local public health officials. We stop the spread of the virus by staying at home as much as we can. We are still a community of faith, serving God through our prayer and our concern for others. If you need any help or support, even practical help, or if you just want to stay connected with your parish please telephone on 01257 460154. We would be delighted to hear from you.

### 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 be normally be streamed on this page at 11am each day.**

*If the sound on the livestream isn't great you can try using earphones or connecting your device to a speaker to improve the volume.*

You can use this site <https://www.churchservices.tv/county/lancashire/> to find **lots of other Masses being streamed**. Follow the link to see Mass streamed from St Joseph's, Chorley, St Gregory's, Leyland St Mary's, and Brownedge St Mary's.

These churches have better equipment for livestreaming and you may find the quality of the sound and images better.

### The following intentions will be remembered at Mass on these dates.

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Josie Noblet RIP
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Parishioners
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Dennis Gray
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Josie Noblet RIP
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	David Wike RIP
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Raymond Matthews RIP
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Parishioners

### 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 Morris, Marie Barnish, Helen Witte, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Clare Yarwood and the



residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently and for their families.

We pray too for all who have lost their lives as a result of the contracting Covid-19.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.***

We have been asked to thank you for your prayers for two people who have been on our parish sick list, Maria Reynolds and Eileen Farnworth of St Bede's parish. Both Maria and Eileen have now recovered from Coronavirus and are doing well. Their families thank you all for your prayers.

**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.

**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.

**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'.

**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 Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank is also appealing for empty half dozen egg boxes. These can be left in the food bank boxes in St Mary's Church or in the porches of St Mary's Priory and St Benedict's Monastery.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children resources for this week.**

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21760/24th-january-2021-activity-sheet.pdf>

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/21275/148172/version/4/Third%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time%20.pdf>

This little list is “borrowed” from the website of another parish. The links lead to places that help our children pray with the readings proclaimed at Mass on Sunday.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FROM CAFOD**

Each week **CAFOD** are running an online Children's Liturgy (registration is required) To learn more visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FROM COLOUR AND SHAPE**

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline/>

and find previous week's

liturgies <https://www.facebook.com/pg/colourandshapeonline/videos/>.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING LOCKDOWN**

<https://www.facebook.com/Childrens-Liturgy-during-lockdown-101967264838340/>

**Sunday 24 January 2021**  
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**Readings at Mass**

**First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm**

***Lord, make me know your ways.***

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth,  
and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

***Lord, make me know your ways.***

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

***Lord, make me know your ways.***

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

***Lord, make me know your ways.***

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand:  
repent, and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

**Gospel; Mark 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.