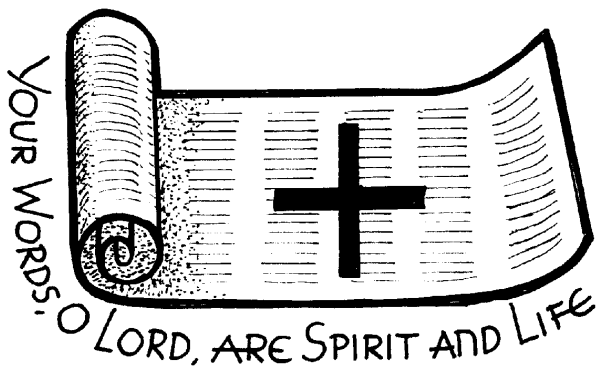




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green,
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
23rd January 2022

Octave of prayer for Christian Unity 18th –25th January.

Please keep the unity of the Christian family in your prayers during these days.

Prayers for Christian Unity

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us. May He be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines. We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him.

Amen.

Good Shepherd, the fragmentation of your 'little flock' grieves the Holy Spirit. Forgive our weak efforts and slowness in the pursuit of your will. Give us wise shepherds after your own heart who recognise the sin of division, and those who will lead the churches to unity in you.

We ask you, Lord, to hear our prayer.

Amen.

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.

Confirmation Preparation is starting again

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation you can now register at Liverpoolcalled.co.uk. Registration is open until 21st March 2022. If you register to take part can you please let us know. If you are older and would like to be confirmed please talk to Fr Mark. He would be very happy to hear from you.

St Chad's Craft Group

We meet **every Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St Chad's Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome, no skills required.

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

St Bede's Prayer Group

The group will not meet in January. We hope to start again next month.



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.

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

Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration (also available at the back of church) and on the back to write or draw one of the good news stories they have heard today, or how they will share the good news with people in the coming week – by sharing, helping someone, or doing what is right.

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/7328/60604/version/6/prayer_children-liturgy_3rd-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-C-illustration.pdf



This week we received the following message from the volunteers at Chorley Help the Homeless.

Could please thank the parishioners who have so kindly donated to the appeal for men's clothes and underwear which was very successful and greatly appreciated. At the moment we need to concentrate on the following

items: **razors and shaving cream, tinned meat, tinned fruit/ tinned rice pudding, biscuits, pot noodles, long life milk, sugar, coffee, shampoo, can openers.** Demand for our help is increasing and we are very grateful for any help you can give us. Thank you. Donations can be left at the back of church.

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.



It would be great to have a few more altar servers at our Sunday morning Masses. If you are in Year 4 or older and would like to be an altar server, please let us know. There is a form to fill in before you start and training will be provided.

Gluten free hosts are available at Mass. Please talk to Fr Mark before Mass if you need to receive a gluten free host at Holy Communion so that we can make sure enough are available. Thank you.

Holy Communion at Home. If any of our parishioners are not able to attend Mass, please let us know. It may be possible to arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home each week. Please ring Fr Mark on 01257 460154 if you would like to request Holy Communion at home.

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, Bethany Begashaw, Virginia Hayton-Weed 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.

Masses this week

Saturday 22nd January

6pm St. Bede's Deceased members of Ormisher family

Sunday 23rd January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)

9.15am St. Chad's Barbara Walmsley

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Monday 24th January

9.15am St. Chad's Agnes Paul (RIP)

Tuesday 25th January

9.15am St Bede's Tony Morris

Wednesday 26th January

No Mass

Thursday 27th January

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

Friday 28th January

9.15am St. Bede's Derrick Poulson (RIP)

With the children of St Bede's School

Saturday 29th January

6pm St. Bede's Fr. Louis (RIP)

Sunday 30th January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)

9.15am St. Chad's Winefred & John Eccles

11am St. Bede's Special Intentions

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 10-3pm,
Thursday 10-3pm and Friday 10-3pm**

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