

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



Parish News

Third Sunday of Easter
1st May 2022

COVID PROTOCOLS

Following the meeting of the Archbishop's Council the following Guidelines are being offered. These will come into effect from April 27th 2022.

Face Coverings: Face-coverings are now optional for people who attend a service in church.

Sanitising: Sanitiser/gel should still be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building. It is not seen as necessary to make the sanitising of hands mandatory.

For the distribution of Holy Communion: The priest/deacon or extraordinary minister should still cleanse their hands prior to beginning distribution (and after). A face-covering should still be worn when distributing Holy Communion.

Communion under both kinds is not to be offered yet (We will continue to review this.)

At St Bede's and at St Chad's we still encourage people to wear face-coverings at weekend Masses but this is now optional. People should not be challenged if they choose not to wear one. We no longer expect people to wear face-coverings for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and at weekday Masses. Please respect that some people may not feel comfortable in gatherings in public spaces and would feel safer if you observe social distancing or wear a face-covering. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Preparation will resume at St Chad's after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 8th May and at St Bede's on Thursday 9th June at 6.30pm. All parents of children preparing for their First Holy Communion are asked to bring their child to Mass at the weekend as often as you can. If any children in year 4 have not yet joined our preparation sessions, it's not too late. Please get in touch with Fr Mark and we will help you in any way we can. **For ideas to support your child to pray at home this weekend** please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Copies of the pictures for this Sunday are available at the back of church.

Live Simply CAFOD campaign

Thank you to the parishioners who have been able to attend our meetings looking at how we can live a bit more simply, care for God's creation, and live in solidarity with people who are struggling in our own community and across the world. There have been many great suggestions for steps our parishes can take including:

- looking at the grounds of our churches and our garden areas to promote wildlife and encourage prayer and reflection
- fundraising for worthwhile projects in both a developing country and locally
- auditing how our parishes use energy and other finite resources
- raising awareness of important issues of justice and peace through our newsletter and websites
- taking time to pray in gratitude for the good things in our lives that we can sometimes take for granted.

At our last meeting it was decided to wait a while before officially trying to become a "Live Simply Parish". We are in a period of starting things up again after the pandemic and need a few more volunteers to make things happen.

We are going to try and start a couple of small projects in the coming months and look at becoming a Live Simply Parish at a later date. Please look out for meetings and opportunities to volunteer advertised here in our newsletter in the coming months.

Brownedge Christians Together Foodbank: The volunteers and recipients thank you for all your support, for your food donations and monetary contributions. Your efforts help us to support 51 households every week. Due to an increase in demand, we are now looking to recruit more volunteers. If you have an hour to spare and would like to join our team, we are in need of bag packers, drivers and some secretarial support. Thank you. Tel: 07762905978 or Email: foodbankbct@gmail.com

**Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless.
Food left at the back of St Bede's goes to Brownedge Foodbank.**

St Bede's Parish Office.

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday 4th May for staff annual leave and will reopening on Tuesday 24th May. Please be patient with us if it takes a day or two to respond to your enquiries. For all requests and enquiries you can contact Fr Mark on 01257 460154 or by either parish e-mail address. Thank you.

Work has begun on St Bede's presbytery to prepare for the arrival of Sr Dorothy and Sr Benedict in a few week's time. There will be limited parking available in front of the presbytery while this work is carried out. On weekdays parking in

front of the presbytery is only for those with limited mobility who would find it difficult to park elsewhere. Please do not block the access needed for the work vehicles. Thank you.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone, living or dead, or for an intention close to your heart, please let us know. You can use one of the Mass offering envelopes at the back of Church. We will do our best to offer the Mass as close as we can to any date requested. Please make requests for a particular date in good time. Donations included with Mass offerings have been a great support to the finances of our parishes in the past, but we are not receiving very many requests at the moment. If you use our parish gift aid envelopes you can write your envelope number with your donation and your parish can claim the gift aid on anything you have given. Thank you.

We are hoping to start “Little Church” again at St Chad’s. If you would like to help our children learn more about their faith, please get in touch. You will work as part of a team and will only have to help once a month. Volunteers need to have a parish DBS check. Please let Fr Mark know if you are able to help.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of our **Little Church team at St Bede’s** please get in touch. A few more people to help would be very welcome.

Thank you.

CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS: Please contact St Joseph's Chorley 01257 262713 if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit or ask the ward staff to call the Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary call 01942 822324.

We are hoping to put a rota together for Special Ministers of Holy Communion at St Bede’s for the weekend Masses. If you have been commissioned as a Special Minister and would like to go on the rota, please let Fr Mark know.

Thank you.

If any of our Special Ministers of Holy Communion are able to take Holy Communion to one of the Nursing homes in St Bede’s parish, please let us know. We need a few more people to volunteer. 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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available in our parishes. We aren’t able to use the confessionals in church yet but please let Fr Mark know and we can arrange to meet at either church for you to make your confession if you wish.

Masses this week

Saturday 30th April 6pm **St. Bede's** Angelo Gandolfo (RIP)
Sunday 1st May 3rd **Sunday of Easter** (PW3)
9.15am **St. Chad's** James & Bernadette Loughlin (Anniversary)
11am **St. Bede's** Parishioners
Monday 2nd May 9.15am **St. Chad's**
Carney, Noblet & Snape families and Canon Lupton
Tuesday 3rd May 9.15am **St. Bede's** Margaret Drinkwater & family
Wednesday 4th May No Mass
Thursday 5th May 9.15am **St. Chad's** John Loughlin
Friday 6th May 9.15am **St. Bede's** Noreen Moore (RIP)
With the children of St Bede's school
Saturday 7th May 6pm **St. Bede's** Dominic McCrudden
Sunday 8th May 4th **Sunday of Easter** (PW4)
9.15am **St. Chad's** Parishioners
11am **St. Bede's** Dr. Iyengar (RIP)

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB

St Chad's Church. 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

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

**St Bede's Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open this week on
Monday 10-3pm and Tuesday 9-3pm.**

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. **Telephone 01257 460154**

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Margaret Gray,
Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Eileen Farnworth, Robert Rainford, Brenda
Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Tony Morris,
Elizabeth Cook, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine
Yates, Marie Coleman, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Hazel Melling, Virginia
Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Mary Hiccox and the residents of Highcliffe,
Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.