

was still working, dictating the end of a translation of St John's Gospel, on the day of his death in 735. The Gospel translation finished, he died in his cell singing Glory be to the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. Bede was buried at Jarrow, his remains later being removed to Durham, where they are now in the Galilee Chapel of the Cathedral. Bede's reputation, particularly as a scriptural commentator, spread rapidly through Europe, greatly assisted by the school founded at York by his pupil Archbishop Egbert, then by the learned monk, Alcuin, a native of York and student at the school. Alcuin was asked by Charlemagne to become head of the Palatine School at Aachen, where he introduced English learning methods and hugely influenced the development of Western European Catholicism. In 1899 Bede was made one of the only 36 Doctors of the Church, those saints whose writings are considered to have special doctrinal authority. Modern scholars have praised the *Historia Ecclesiastica* e.g. as one of the "small class of books which transcend all but the most fundamental conditions of time and place..". A recent historian said that Bede was "the first and greatest of England's historians". Bede was called 'Venerable' within two generations of his death. Nobody is sure why. Legend has it that a monk left a gap in Bede's epitaph, having written: "Hac sunt in fossa Bedae . . . ossa" ("in this ditch lie the bones of Bede"). *The next morning Angels had inserted the word "Venerabilis".* -Stephen S

**Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.**

**First Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15**

**Responsorial Psalm:129: Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35**

**Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.**



## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 2024 Weekly Reflection: Anglo-Saxon Saints (5) St. Bede:

St. Bede the Venerable was born in about 672 in Jarrow. At age 7 he was entrusted to the care of the monastery

of St Peter at Monkwearmouth and by the age of 13 he was moved to the new associated monastery of St Paul in Jarrow. He became a deacon aged 19 and ordained a priest at 30. The information we have on his life essentially appears in his most famous book, *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People* ("the *Historia Ecclesiastica*"). He wrote: "...I have spent the whole of my life within that monastery devoting all my pains to the study of the Scriptures, and amid the observance of monastic discipline and the daily charge of singing in the Church, it has been ever my delight to learn or teach or write." It appears that he spent his entire existence, save for some visits to York and Lindisfarne, writing, praying and otherwise serving God in the monastery at Monwearmouth/Jarrow.

From the British Library website we are told that Bede wrote many biblical commentaries and the lives of three saints, including St Cuthbert. He composed a historical martyrology, a list of martyrs and saints arranged in calendar order of their feast days. Bede's further works include treatises on orthography (spelling conventions), poetic metre and scientific subjects, such as *De temporum ratione* (On the reckoning of time) which explains the use of calendars, the meaning of the Zodiac and the calculation of Christian holy days. *De natura rerum* (On the nature of things) is described as an encyclopaedic text, collecting contemporary theories about a wide range of subjects, including cosmology, time and arithmetic. Bede's most celebrated writing is, of course, the *Historia Ecclesiastica*, written about the age of 59. It relates the story of the establishment and spread of Christianity in England and the emergence of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

The Catholic Encyclopaedia says that one of his disciples, Cuthbert (not the saint), wrote "I can with truth declare that I never saw with my eyes or heard with my ears anyone return thanks so unceasingly to the living God." Bede



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**Eucharistic Prayer – II or III**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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<b>Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm</b>	Elizabeth Holmes
<b>Sunday 8.30am</b>	Jack & Carmel Byrne
<b>10:00am</b>	Parishioners
Monday 10.00am	
Tuesday 9.30am	St Barnabas, Ap
Wednesday 9.30am	
Thursday 9.30am	St Anthony of Padua
<b>Friday 9.30am</b>	
Saturday 11.30am	
Saturday (Vigil) <b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Sunday <b>8.30am</b>	Special Day of Prayer for Life
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**Sacrament of reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Saturday at 11.00am**

**Sick List:** Josh Reeder

**Called to the Priesthood** – Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see our website at [shrewsburyvocations.org](http://shrewsburyvocations.org) If you would like to explore God’s call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) For more resources, see the National Office for Vocation at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) and [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**An Evening with Dr Bill Keimig** on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Ln, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 0HG.. This is open to all and especially to volunteers, catechists and those who are curious! This promises to be a fantastic evening, so please sign up early via

this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757>. For any further details please contact, Diocesan Mission Catechist [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 07730 526826.

**Papal Audience, 05-June-2024 (From Vatican news): The Spirit and the Bride.** Summary of the Holy Father's words: 'In our ongoing catechesis on the Spirit and the Bride, we now centre our attention on the Biblical name of Holy Spirit, which in Hebrew is Ruach, meaning breath, wind, or spirit. This name highlights the Spirit's profound power and freedom. Jesus likens the Spirit to the wind that blows where it wills, thus emphasizing the freedom of the Holy Spirit, who not only creates and inspires but always remains free, bestowing his gifts "as he wills" (1 Cor 12:11). Saint Paul affirms this, stating: "Now the Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor 3:17). This freedom is given to us as a gift so that we can do God's will, rather than merely following our personal desires. Where do we attain this freedom of the Spirit, so contrary to the spirit of selfishness? The answer is in the words that Jesus spoke to his followers: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (Jn 8:36). Let us ask Jesus, through his Holy Spirit, to make us truly free. Free to serve with love and joy'.

**Parish Finances: April**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>Total</b>
£740.00	£1,201.50	£1,276.90	£3,218.40

**General Election:** Copies of bishop Mark’s statement on the approaching General Election are available in the church porch. *The letter written by Bishop Philip Eagan to the Catholics of Guernsey, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation outlines simply and clearly what is at stake with assisted suicide/euthanasia and provides four clearly stated reasons as to why this is gravely wrong. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales website also provides reflections on the public issues at this election time’.*

**Fairtrade Open Days at the Methodist manse,** 14 Downesway, Alderley Edge, SK9 7XB, on Friday June 14th and Saturday June 15th, anytime between 9.00am and 9.00pm. On sale will be fairly traded crafts, accessories and jewellery; foods, teas and coffees; cards and toys.