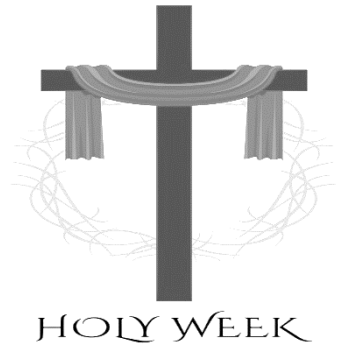


Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green,
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

Palm Sunday

10th April 2022



Dear friends,

Today we begin the “Holy Week”. This week is to the year as Sunday is to each week – a time of celebration, worship and renewal. We commemorate and honour together the loving action of God who, unworthy as we are, lovingly gives His life for us.

Our services will once again be celebrated across our two churches. On Holy Thursday we will gather in the evening *at St Chad’s* to remember the Last Supper, the gift of the Eucharist and the washing of feet. On Good Friday we will solemnly gather *in both our churches* to honour our Lord’s Passion and death. On Holy Saturday night *at St Bede’s* we will celebrate the Solemn Vigil of Our Lord’s Resurrection, beginning outside with the Easter Fire and the lighting of our Paschal Candles. During the Vigil, after a long period of preparation, Daniel Jones will be baptised and confirmed as a member of our Christian family. Congratulations to Daniel and to his family. Please remember him in your prayers as he enters these final days of preparation. At our Easter morning Masses we will celebrate with renewed joy and thanksgiving all the blessings we have received through Jesus.

Two years ago our churches were closed for Holy Week and Easter. Last year restrictions in numbers and other regulations meant that we couldn’t fully carry out the liturgy in all its fullness and beauty. Let’s pray that after these difficult two years we will appreciate this week with renewed gratitude.

I know it’s not possible for everyone to be present at all our celebrations this week, but I hope that many of us will be able to gather to fittingly honour together the gift of God that we have received in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Those who have kindly volunteered to help at our services are asked to arrive in good time to make sure we don’t try to find a replacement for you in the last minutes before the service begins. Thank you.

I pray that Holy Week will be a blessing to all of us, and an inspiration as we try to live our faith as individuals and as a community more deeply in the coming year. With my prayers for you and those who are dear to you. God bless,

Fr Mark

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.

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. Thank 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.

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.

St Chad's Choir are looking to recruit a few new members as our numbers have reduced over the past few years. If you would like to join, as a singer or musician, please make your way up the stairs at the back of church to the choir loft before the Sunday Mass where you will be made very welcome.

Live Simply. With the help of CAFOD we are going to look at how our two parish communities can better support those struggling both in our community and abroad, how we can take better care of the world God has given us, and how we can deepen our appreciation of God's gifts in our daily lives. Much of this will build on the many good things that are already being done in our parishes. **Our next meeting will be at St Chad's Parish Centre on Monday 25th April at 7pm.** Everyone who is interested in volunteering or just learning more about the Live Simply scheme is very welcome to come along. Tea and coffee will be served from 6.45pm.

Thanks for your generosity to our Lenten Appeals.

We raised £1,187.27 at St Bede's and £695.50 at St Chad's for Ukraine, and £523.25 at St Bede's and at £201.56 St Chad's for the CAFOD Fast Day appeal.

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.

Misso APF Booklets are available for the back of both churches, for all the Mill Hill Red Box holders and any other parishioners who would like to take one.

The Feast of Divine Mercy. Sunday 24th April 2022 at St. Mary's, Leyland.
Arrivals from 2.30pm. Commencing with prayer at 3pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Healing, Benediction and Holy Mass at 5pm.
All are welcome. Copies of the Novena of prayer in preparation for the feast are available at the back of church.

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter, please let Fr Mark know on 01257 460154. We aren't able to use the confessionals yet but we can arrange to meet at a time convenient for you.

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, Maggie Walker, Mary Hiccox and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

We offer a warm welcome to Jude Phillipson who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend.

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 9-3pm, Tuesday 10-5pm, and Thursday 10-3pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. Telephone 01257 460154

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 9th April

6pm

St. Bede's

Fr. Michael O'Neill (RIP)

Sunday 10th April

Palm Sunday (PW2)

9.15am

St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am

St. Bede's

Special Intentions

Monday 11th April

9.15am

St. Chad's

Wilson, Clayton, Cowburn, Blackledge families

Tuesday 12th April

9.15am

St. Bede's

Michael Marsden (RIP)

Wednesday 6th April

No Mass



Thursday 14th April

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm At St. Chad's Nickson, Kerfoot,
Southworth, Waring families



Friday 7th April

Good Friday - Service of the Lord's Passion

3pm at both St. Bede's and at St. Chad's

Saturday 16th April

Easter Vigil

8pm St. Bede's for the bereaved



Sunday 17th April

Easter Sunday (PW1)

9.15am

St. Chad's

Frank Billington

11am

St. Bede's

Parishioners

