



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

Parish News

6th Sunday of Easter 22nd May 2022

Sr Dorothy and Sr Benedicte have now moved into the presbytery at St Bede's. We will have a chance to offer them a warm welcome at all Masses this weekend. They are very much looking forward to meeting everyone. Tea and coffee will be served in

the parish centres after the 9.15am (St Chad's) and 11am (St Bede's) Sunday Masses this weekend. Any donations of cakes would be very welcome.



There will be a meeting this Monday, 23rd May at 6.30pm in St Chad's Parish Centre looking at how we can make best use of the facilities there. Anyone who would like to get involved in volunteering to take care of the centre, organise events, take bookings, be a key holder, look after cleaning and maintenance etc. is asked to come along to the meeting.

On Friday of this week, 27th May, at 2.15pm, our parishioners are invited to come to St Chad's Church to attend **St Chad's school's celebration of Mary**, as we come to the end of May. The children will lead us in prayer and singing and the service will end with the crowning of the statue of Our Lady. If extra seating is needed you are very welcome to sit in the choir loft.



First Holy Communion Preparation. 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.



If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of our Little Church team at St Bede's please get in touch. We currently only have three people who help so quite often we can't offer this service to our children. A few more people to help would be very welcome. 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 so please talk to Hilary at the back of church after the 9.15am Mass to begin your application. Thank you.



The flag at St Chad’s. If any parishioner would like to look after our flag on important national dates and religious feast days, would they please talk to Fr Mark. They need to know how to raise the flag (the correct way up) and to remember to take it down again. It has been suggested that the flag be raised for the royal jubilee weekend.

We hope that our parishes will be able to support an all-Chorley parishes Alpha and linked RCIA course initiative, starting in September this year. The Alpha Course is an introduction to Christianity designed for people who do not go to church but perhaps are searching for answers to life’s big questions. It is also suitable for those who have stopped practising their faith but might want to give it another try. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who wish to take their interest further and, perhaps, become Catholics. Each Parish is asked to nominate one or two parishioners to join the Alpha team. The plan would be that they would accompany any current or prospective members of their Parish through both the Alpha and RCIA process. Training and support will be provided, and to be successful you don’t need to have any qualifications, just a love of your own faith and an ability to make guests feel welcomed and respected, and a willingness to work in a team! Follow this link for an explanation of how Alpha works, <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130> There will be an evening to introduce Alpha to anyone who is interested in offering to help at St Gregory’s on 30th June 7-9pm. Please let Fr Mark know if you are interested or need more information or email Paul on cnocl@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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.**

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.

Gluten Free Hosts are available at any Mass. Please let the priest know before Mass if you require a gluten free host so we can make sure enough are available.

The next gathering for LGBTQ+ Catholics will be at All Saints, Anfield L4 1QC on Sunday 3rd July 2022 beginning with Mass at 2:00pm. For more information please contact Fr Stephen on 0151 287 8787 or email frsmaloney@aol.com



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.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Tom Neylon will be in Chorley on 6th and 7th July to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for young people in Year 8 and above. Any young people who have not yet signed up to be confirmed are asked to contact Fr Mark as there is still time for you to complete the preparation needed.



It would be great to have a few more altar servers at our weekend Masses. It is a great way to learn more about our faith and help our parish. Any children in Year 4 or older who would like to get involved are asked to speak to Fr Mark. Thank you.

Masses this week

Saturday 21st May	6pm	St. Bede's	Private Intentions
Sunday 22nd May	6th Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving
Monday 23rd May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Kathleen West
Tuesday 24th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Derrick Poulson (RIP)
Wednesday 25th May	No Mass		
Thursday 26th May	Ascension of the Lord		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Eileen Brimley	
11am	St Bede's	Margaret Hurst R.I.P.	
	With the children of St Bede's School		
Friday 27th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Winifred Poulson
Saturday 28th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 29th May	7th Sunday of Easter (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Bob & Mary Corcoran
	11am	St. Bede's	Lillian Allan



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 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for all enquiries.

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.