

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

Parish News

7th Sunday of Easter 29th May 2022



Prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In these days between the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost next Sunday we join with the Church across the world for a renewed gratitude for the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in the Church.

You might like to say this prayer each day this week.

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage.

Make us more like Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church.

Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our parish.

Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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. You don't have to lead a session, just be around to make sure that our children are well looked after. 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.

This weekend after all Masses there will be a retiring collection for World Communications Day. Proceeds from this collection support the work of the Church in communicating the message of the Gospel through the many forms of media there are today.

Sr Dorothy and Sr Benedicte have asked us to pass on this message to all the members of our parishes.

“We would like to say a big thank you for the very warm welcome we have received from the community of both parishes. We feel blessed in so many ways... a beautiful house, a warm welcoming community which we feel has embraced us with open arms. We are happy to be here with you all and hope we can contribute to the life and worship of the community.”

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.

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.

Celebrate Pentecost and the Platinum Jubilee with the Two Cathedrals Service 5th June 3:00 pm at Metropolitan Cathedral. The traditional Pentecost service returns to Liverpool 40 years after Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to both cathedrals in 1982. Our ecumenical Pentecost celebrations also form part of our celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The celebrations start with an act of worship on the steps to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Worship continues with an all-age family service at Liverpool Cathedral starting at 3:45. Following this we have the Big Picnic for the Platinum Jubilee. With big games and fun activities provided by In Another Place we invite you to bring a picnic and join in the fun. We will have food and refreshments available from the Wellsford Bistro.

3.00pm	Act of worship at foot of Metropolitan Cathedral
3:45pm	All age worship at Liverpool Cathedral
4pm	Big Picnic starts inside Liverpool Cathedral

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 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
Monday 30th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Brian Norris (RIP)
Tuesday 31st May	9.15am	St. Bede's	John Nickson
Wednesday 1st June	No Mass		
Thursday 2nd June	<u>10am</u>	St. Chad's	James Loughlin
Friday 3rd June	<u>10am</u>	St. Bede's	Phillips family
Saturday 4th June	6pm	St. Bede's	Neil & Norman Yarwood
Sunday 5th June	Pentecost Sunday (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Peter (RIP) & Eleanor Crompton

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.

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The office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday 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, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.