



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

Parish News

Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

A prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, you call us by name.

As we journey through life help us to be confident in our own unique identity and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance to help us realise and follow our dreams, discerning your plan for our lives. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers.

May we support one another in response to God's call.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Bede's Parish Office.

The parish office will be closed from Wednesday 4th May for staff annual leave and will reopening on Tuesday 24th May. For all requests and enquiries you can contact Fr Mark on 01257 460154 or by either parish e-mail address. 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.

A message from Chorley Buddies.

You may have heard about Chorley Buddies highly successful Good Food Clubs at Buttermere Community Centre and Coppull Methodist Church Hall. We intercept surplus food to stop it going to landfill and make it available to members. We currently have 107 members at Buttermere and over 90 at Coppull. They pay £10 annual membership fee and £3 per week subscription and can have up to £25 of food of their choice. The good news is that we are opening another at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Harpers Lane on a Tuesday morning, starting 7th June. Please spread the word to people who might need this support. Volunteers are needed on a Tuesday, between 9am and 12pm. We have great flexibility on hours! Please call 01257542367 if you would like to know more about volunteering.

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 intro 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 are also searching. 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>

Please let Fr Mark know if you are interested or need more information or email The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity 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.**

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.

Updated Covid-19 regulations in Church

Face-coverings are now optional for people who attend a service in church. Hand sanitiser is still available for those who wish to use it on entering the building. 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.

Masses this week

Saturday 7 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden
Sunday 8 th May	4th Sunday of Easter (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Dr. Iyengar (RIP)
Monday 9 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Wednesday 11 th May	No Mass		
Thursday 12 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice & Harry Prescott
Friday 13 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Bernadette Hughes
Saturday 14 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 15 th May	5th Sunday of Easter (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Elizabeth Davies
	11am	St. Bede's	Joseph Tyrer

We offer a warm welcome to Joshua Derbyshire who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend and Jenson Case who will be baptised at St Bede's next 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 closed.

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.