



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

Parish News

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
24th July 2022

This weekend we welcome Fr Stephen Giles MHM who will be speaking at all Masses to encourage us to take part in the Red Box Appeal. Your Red Box donations go towards supporting the work of the Church throughout the world, and the Mill Hill Missionaries' work of evangelisation in 27 countries. Pope Francis reminds us that 'mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people.' Through the Red Box we can all live out our call to be missionaries of God's loving mercy. Please continue to hold all missionaries in your prayers. Fr Stephen has asked for 3 or 4 volunteers to assist at the end of each of our Masses, with pen and paper, to take down the names of parishioners who would like a Missio Red Box for their home. Thank you.



Tea and Coffee will be served in the parish hall after the **11am Mass at St Bede's on Sunday morning 24th July.** Everyone is very welcome to come along for a warm drink and a piece of cake.

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.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions are very welcome in both St Bede's and St Chad's parishes. If you would like Mass to be offered, please use one of the envelopes at the back of church and hand it in to Fr Mark or through the door of either presbytery with your donation. Masses may be offered for anyone, living or dead, or for a prayer close to your heart e.g., vocations, the sick, our schools etc. Over the years requests for Mass to be offered have been an important source of income for our parishes.

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. It's great that we now have young people serving at all our weekend Masses.



If any of the boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion would like to become altar servers, please let us know.

In previous years our priests have been able to take a break during the summer months because priests studying in Rome or other European countries have generously offered to fill in for them. Changes to visa regulations over the past few years means that this support is no longer available.

When our priest is on holiday or on retreat, visiting priests will celebrate our Masses at the weekends and be available for sick calls and funeral Masses.

On weekdays our parish volunteers will lead services of the Word with Holy Communion. Fr Mark will be in Lourdes from 22nd – 29th July.

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 64 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.**

Have you ever wanted to **Give Bowling A Try?**

If the answer is **'Yes'**, then come along to meet members and have a go.

The green can be found at the rear of St. Chad's Club, off Town lane.

St. Chad's Bowling Club have 3 teams which play each Monday night, Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon (alternating weekly, home & away).

They welcome new members both experienced and beginners (coaching can be given). If you want to give bowling a try but do not have a set of bowls, then ring Gerald Matthews on 01257 273855 to arrange a session.

It's a great way to spend a few hours in the fresh air and make new friends.

St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. St Chad's is taking bookings now for September

onwards. For enquiries about our rates and conditions of use for St Bede's Parish Centre please call Aidan on 01257 271818 and for St Chad's Parish Centre please call 07719718523. If you get the answer phone, please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

Dates for your diary.

On **Sunday 4th September in St Gregory's Gardens 12-4pm** you are invited to the **Catholic Community Festival 2022** opened by Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP. Lots of stalls, refreshments, the Sing it Big Choir, children's games and entertainment, BBQ – and it's free to join in. Our parishes will be running a cake stall and a tombola. Cake makers will be needed. We are also hoping to run a bottle tombola so any suitable bottles are now very welcome and can be left at the back of either church or handed into the sacristy. Thank you.

The relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will shortly be starting a tour of England.

They will be in Chorley at St Mary's Church from 8.30pm on Thursday 15th September, all day Friday 16th and will leave for Liverpool Cathedral at 9am on Saturday 17th September. A program of Masses and other times of prayer will be available nearer the time. It is hoped that many pilgrims will come to pray at

St Mary's while the relics of St Bernadette are present. Volunteers will be needed as stewards. An appeal has been made for people to bring sandwiches and cakes to help welcome the pilgrims in St Mary's parish centre. People are needed with First Aid certificates – doctors, nurses, paramedics or firefighters. If you think you may be able to help please contact St Mary's parish office on 01257 262537.

Holy Communion at Home. 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.

St Chad's Church. 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

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

Masses this week

Saturday 23rd July	6pm	St. Bede's	Catherine & Cerys
Sunday 24th July	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Tom Hughes
	11am	St. Bede's	Margaret-Mary Donnelly
Monday 25th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 26th July	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th July	No Mass		
Thursday 28th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Friday 29th July	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Saturday 30th July	6pm	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving
Sunday 31st July	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Dennis Croasdale



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.

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, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Mary Hiccox, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Holy Communion whilst in hospital.

Please contact St. Joseph's Presbytery if any of your family is admitted to Chorley Hospital 01257 262713.

In Preston Hospital, please inform the chaplain on 01772 522435.

In Wigan Infirmary, please inform the chaplain on 01942 822324.