



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

Parish News

Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Year C
14th August 2022

Are there people you know who you would like to draw into the church? Alpha is a great way to introduce them or bring them back, but you may feel worried about asking. The first most important step is to PRAY for them. We are currently holding a 21-day Prayer Campaign for everyone you would like to invite to Alpha. The Alpha programme starts on 1st September. Prayer cards on which you can name three people that you will pray for, are available at the back of church. There will be a special prayer and a reminder to pray for them at 11.02am every day up to the start of Alpha. Why 11.02? In Luke 11:02 we find, "He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come."

A prayer for our Alpha campaign.

Heavenly Father, I pray for the UK. Lord let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done across the nation. Holy Spirit, come fill me today, that I might share the love and good news of Jesus to these around me. Amen.

The Alpha Programme will start on Thursday 1st September 7-9pm, at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Harper Lane, Chorley, where you can explore the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment. If you would like to attend this event, please let Paul know by email on cnocl@hotmail.com
Thank you.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Resources for this summer. Share one or more of our family prayer resources for the summer holidays with the children, available from cafod.org.uk/families. These activities for sunny or rainy days will keep the children busy during the long break and help families to come together in prayer.

**The Community Larder will be open 9.30am to 11.30am Monday and Friday at St. Aidan's, 46 Station Road, Bamber Bridge. PR5 6QL.
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 now goes to the Community Larder.**



We need bottles please!

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. Please let us know if you are able to bake for our stall.** 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.



The program of Masses, opportunities for the sacraments of anointing and reconciliation, 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.**

Gift Aid Donations: If any of the Missio Red Box Holders would like to Gift Aid their donations, could you fill in the 'Gift Aid Declaration' form, which can be found at the back of our churches.

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.

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.



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.

St Bede's Prayer Group

The prayer group will resume on 5th September. Every **Monday** at 1pm to 2.30pm in St. Bede's Church. All are welcome.

St Chad's Craft Group

The craft group will resume on 6th September. We meet every **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St Chad's Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome, no skills required.

St Chad's Reading Group

The reading group will resume on Friday, 9th September from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Centre. Books are provided from the County Library service and are available to borrow at each meeting. New members are very welcome.

Some brief notes for readers are now available at the back of church. It's just a short reminder of the way the Word of God is proclaimed in our churches. If anything isn't clear, please talk to Fr Mark. Thank you to all our readers who do such a good job of helping us to reflect together on the Word of God at each Mass.

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 and services this week

Saturday 13th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Kathryn Kerr
Sunday 14th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving
Monday 15th August	9.15am	St Chad's	Special Intention
Tuesday 16th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Heys family
Wednesday 17th August	No Mass		
Thursday 18th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Gannon, Snape & Fowler families
Friday 19th August	12.15	St. Bede's	Funeral Mass for Mary Hiccox
Saturday 20th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Barry & Mary Hiccox
Sunday 21st August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Moulding & Whittle families
	11am	St. Bede's	Crawford family

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, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please remember in your prayers Aileen Preece and Mary Hiccox of St Bede's Parish and Thomas Wardrope of St Chad's Parish who have died recently. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.***

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.