



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

Parish News

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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18th September 2022

Prayer for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Father, Creator of all, you fashion all people in your likeness and shower them with your grace and manifold gifts. We give you thanks for the long reign of your servant Queen Elizabeth II who, steadfast in your love, faithfully served the nation for seventy years. May her faith in you and her loyal service never be forgotten. May she enjoy the light of your glory in all eternity.

Compassionate Christ, bless the family and friends of the Queen, for whom this loss is a moment of great sadness. Help them shoulder their private grief in the midst of their public lives. We pray that your yoke will be easy and your burden light for our new Monarch, Charles III. Give him the grace to reign wisely, always faithful to your name

Spirit, Comforter, we pray for ourselves and all people who mourn the passing of our Queen. Like her, may we all draw strength from your love and face each new day with hope. Pour your consolation into every grieving heart so that doubt may turn into certainty and sadness give birth to gratitude. Amen.



Volunteers needed

As part of our response to the Synod last year each deanery in the Archdiocese is establishing a Synodal Council. It will meet three or four times a year with a lay representative from each parish in our deanery. The Council will look at how our parishes can work more closely together, share our resources, and will support us in implementing the changes agreed upon at our Synod. Our representatives will be regular worshippers in their parish and be available to attend meetings across the deanery. The first meeting will take place at St Gregory's on Wednesday, 28th September at 7pm. If you would like to nominate a parishioner to represent your parish or if you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Synodal Council, please let Fr Mark know in the next few days using the parish e-mail. Thank you.

Today is Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday.

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on "the Joy of the Gospel", the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. For more information visit YouTube where Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, tells us more about the day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZORIVqhw3S0> and how you can support this important work. There will be a retiring collection for the Church's work of Evangelization in England and Wales after Masses this weekend.



A date for your diary.

A parish social evening at St Chad's Parish Centre.

Saturday 1st October 7.30-10.30pm.

Hot Pot or Butter Pie supper and dessert.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided.

Bring your own drinks if you like. Glasses provided.

Fun Quiz and raffle.

Tickets, priced £10, will be on sale from beginning of September after the Sunday Mass. A chance to meet fellow parishioners and we hope to have an enjoyable evening together. There will be 75 places available open to people aged 14 years and over. Any money raised will go towards the cost of St Chad's new church boiler. Call 07719718523 for more information or to reserve tickets.

St Bede's Prayer Group

The prayer group is **cancelled on Monday 19th September.**

St Chad's Craft Group

The craft group will 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 is on Friday, 7th October 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.

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.

Chorley Help the Homeless have recently appealed for more non-perishable, easy to cook food to help meet growing numbers of help for assistance.



Boys and girls in Year 4 or above are always welcome to join our team of altar servers at our weekend Masses. It is a great way to learn about the Mass and to serve our community. Please arrive in good time before Mass and introduce yourself to Fr Mark. There is a permission form for parents or carers to fill in for children joining our altar servers team.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available in our parishes. Please let Fr Mark know and we can arrange to meet at either church for you to make your confession if you wish.

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 October 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.

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.

Masses and services this week

Saturday 17th September	6pm	St. Bede's	Vivienne Howard & family
Sunday 18th September	Twenty Fifth in Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Ian Holden
	11am	St. Bede's	Ashcroft family
Monday 19th September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th September	9.15am	St. Bede's	Dennis Rawlinson (RIP)
Wednesday 21st September	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Westhead, Smith & Waring families
Friday 23rd September	9.15am	St. Bede's	Hughes family
Saturday 24th September	6pm	St. Bede's	Queen Elizabeth II (RIP)
Sunday 25th September	Twenty Sixth in Ordinary Time (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Sr. Benedicta & Sr. Dorothy

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.

Congratulations to Alex Ormerwood who will be baptised at St. Bede's this weekend.

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

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

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