

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

Parish News

Feast of Christ the Universal King

20th November 2022

Today is the **World Day of Prayer for Young People – Youth Sunday**. Please keep all the younger members of your parish in your prayers. There will be a retiring collection for the work of Animate, our Archdiocesan Youth Service. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of our churches. Please use them if you are a UK tax-payer and are happy for Animate to receive your Gift Aid contribution.

If you would like anyone who has died to be included in our Pious List for Masses celebrated during the month of November, please write their names on a piece of paper and hand it in to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery in an envelope marked Pious List. An offering can also be included. Pious List envelopes are available at the back of our churches if you need one. Names may be added to the list all through November. Thank you.

Mass of Remembrance.

St Chad's Thursday, 24th November at 7pm

You are invited to attend a Mass to pray for our loved ones who have died. During the Mass we will read the names of those whose funerals have been celebrated in our churches over the past few years. It hasn't been possible to hold this service during the pandemic. Everyone attending will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. Refreshments will be served after Mass. If you know anyone who you think this might be a comfort to please think about inviting them to come along.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the celebration at St Bede's last Thursday such a prayerful and supportive occasion.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group takes place every **Monday** at 1pm to 2.30pm in St. Bede's Church. All are welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group meets every **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St Chad's Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Chad's Reading Group. The next meeting of the reading group is on **Friday, 2nd December** 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.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's this weekend. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Any donations of cakes are very welcome. In aid of Christmas flowers. Thank you.



Christmas Raffle.

We hope to hold a Christmas Raffle to be drawn during the week before Christmas. We will make a few hampers of donated prizes for the winners. Anything that would be nice to receive in a Christmas Hamper is very welcome. ***Please leave your donations in the Sacristy of either church.***
Thank you.

Little Church volunteers are needed for our Sunday morning Masses. If your DBS check has been completed, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Fr Mark and we can let you know how to get involved in supporting the faith of the younger members of our parishes.

A Family Christmas Bingo will be held in St Chad's Parish Centre on Saturday December 10th. We would be grateful for donations of items for prizes such as selection boxes, chocolate Fr Christmas etc. There will be a box at the back of St. Chad's Church from November 6th for gift items.

It would be nice to hold a social event at St Bede's one evening in December. It hasn't been possible to do this for a couple of years. If you would like to be involved in organising a parish social event, please let Fr Mark know. There is still time to organise something. Thank you.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic?

Preparation is offered in your parish for anyone who would like to become a Catholic, either to be baptised as an adult or, if they were baptised in another Christian denomination, to be received into full Communion in the Catholic Church. If you, or anyone in your family would like to take part please get in touch. We are happy to give you more information about what is involved in joining the Catholic Church. Please let us know if we can help.

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

Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal

Chorley Buddies are collecting new presents for children in our area who might not receive a gift this Christmas. You can leave any donations at the back of church or hand them in to either presbytery. The gifts will be distributed in the days before Christmas by Chorley Council. Your donation should be handed in by Monday, 12th December to allow time for them to be collected, sorted and wrapped. Thank you.

The St Vincent de Paul Group at St Bede's parish have faithfully served those in need in our community for many years. Families and individuals in difficulty have been supported by the members of the group through donations from our parishioners. Over the past two or three years the number of members of the St Bede's "SVP" has fallen considerably and we are now looking for new volunteers to allow this good work to continue. If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details in the parish office and a member of the group will be in touch. Thank you.

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 goes to the Community Larder.



Altar servers. Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved. Thank you.

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



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 closed until 8th November.

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. Telephone 01257 460154

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Masses and services this week

Saturday 19th November	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 20th November	Christ King of the Universe (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St. Bede's	Pious List
Monday 21st November	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
Tuesday 22nd November	9.15am	St. Bede's	Pious List
Wednesday 23rd November	No Mass		
Thursday 24th November	Mass of Remembrance at St. Chad's at 7pm		
Friday 25th November	2.15pm	St. Bede's	Funeral Mass for Helen Witte
Saturday 26th November	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 27th November	First Sunday of Advent Cycle A (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners living and dead

After all Masses on the weekend 3rd / 4th December those who wish are invited to stay in church to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick**. This is open to anyone who seeks the Lord's healing in mind or body. If you know anyone who might like to be anointed, please let them know about this event. Thank you.



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, 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 pray for Helen Witte of St Bede's Parish who has died recently.

Congratulation to Murphy Aspinall who will be baptised at St. Chad's this weekend.