

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

Parish News

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

2nd April 2023



Today marks the beginning of the “Holy Week”. Our Masses this weekend end in silence and in anticipation of the solemn celebrations to come.

The Church teaches that this

week is for the year what each Sunday is for the week – a time of prayer and attentiveness that should be different for our normal routines. Please make time to attend our services during the Holy Triduum if you can.

Our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated at St Chad’s Church and our Easter Vigil of the Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Bede’s Church. ***These celebrations are for all the members of both our parishes.*** As once again we live through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, we return to the source of grace and joy that is with us through the year. Let’s pray that this Holy Week will be a moment of renewal for ourselves and for our parish community and that our gratitude for God’s merciful love will be deepened.

The distribution of the Precious Blood will be restored, for those who wish to receive from the chalice, from the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on 6th April.

We have been asked to remind our parishioners that it is **not permitted** in the Catholic Church in England and Wales to receive the Precious Blood by “intinction”, that is by dipping the Host into the chalice.



We have lost a few of our Special Ministers of Holy Communion over the past few years so the chalice might not be offered at every Mass yet. *If you attend Mass each week in our parishes and would like to volunteer as a Special Minister of Holy Communion please talk to Fr Mark.* This role requires a DBS check and volunteers are asked to attend a meeting for training before they are commissioned to exercise their ministry at celebrations of the Eucharist.

It would be good to have different volunteers for reading at Mass and for helping with the distribution of Holy Communion. If you would like to volunteer to read at Mass please let us know. A few new voices would be very welcome. We are also always happy to welcome new helpers for cleaning our Churches and arranging flowers. Our church cleaners meet on Wednesday mornings at St Chad's and on Thursday mornings at St Bede's.

Easter Egg Hunt – *Weather permitting!*

After our Easter Morning Masses we hope to offer to the children of our parish an Easter Egg Hunt around the grounds of our churches. Children must be accompanied by an adult as they make their way around. We could do with a couple more helpers at St Chad's. If you are able to help please let Fr Mark know. Thank you.



St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 18th April** 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 28th April** from 2pm to 4pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Books are provided from the County Library service and are available to borrow at each meeting.

New members are very welcome.

Knights of St. Columba.

The Knights of St. Columba is the largest Order of Catholic laymen in the UK, which have been serving the Church and our communities for over 100 years. If you would like the opportunity to help fundraise for charitable causes, to "make a difference", to have a purpose in life and make lifelong friends, then come and join us! To find out more about the Knight of St. Columba contact Andrew Fowler on 07914 751020 or Cuthbert Culshaw on 07802 473504 or go to www.ksc.org.uk

New Altar Servers Welcome

It would be great to have a few more girls and boys to help with our team of 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. Children preparing for Holy Communion are welcome to join our team. Thank you to the young people who have already joined our servers teams. Your help is much appreciated.



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. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

Call in for a coffee and cake.

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.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com Tel: 07762905978

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.

Have you ever wanted to give Bowling A Try?

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 Catherine Ainscough on 07719110883 to arrange a session. It's a great way to spend a few hours in the fresh air and make new friends.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, 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, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips, Lynne Wilkinson and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. **Telephone 01257 460154**

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Parish Office 01772 335209

**The office is open on Tuesday and Thursday until 3pm
for all enquiries.**

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

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Masses and Services For Holy Week

Saturday 1st April

6pm St. Bede's Roger & Eric Haylock (RIP)

Sunday 2nd April

Palm Sunday (PW2)

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Monday 3rd April

9.15am St. Chad's Whittle family

Tuesday 4th April

9.15am St. Bede's Michael Marsden (RIP)

Wednesday 5th April

No Mass

Thursday 6th April

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm At St. Chad's Vincent Noblet
(Anniversary)



Friday 7th April

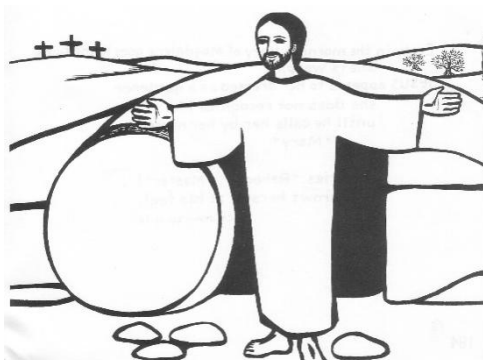
Good Friday - Service of the Lord's Passion
3pm at both St. Bede's and at St. Chad's



Saturday 8th April

Easter Vigil

8pm At St. Bede's Parishioners



Sunday 9th April

Easter Sunday (PW1)

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Parishioners