



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

# Parish News

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

This Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, is the **annual day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life**. There will be a retiring collection to

support the training of our students for ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please remember to pray this weekend for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the Religious Life.

*Loving and merciful God, You call us into being and commission us all to the service of your people. We pray that our lives might make a difference and that our service might give you praise. Strengthen us, we pray, to be instruments of peace and justice in our Church and in our world. May the desire to make a difference inspire many to lives of ministry as lay ministers, sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests.*

*We ask this in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**First Holy Communion preparation** is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm at St Bede's and on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at St Chad's after the 9.15am Mass. Both meetings will be held in church. Please keep all our First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers over the next few final weeks of preparation.

**Confirmation** for the young people of our parishes will take place at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers.

If any adults would like to be confirmed, please let us know. Bishop Tom Neylon will be visiting our parishes in the coming months and is happy to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation while he is with us.

It would be great to have some new volunteers for reading at Mass. 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. Please let us know if you would like to get involved. Thank you.

*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.*



We will offer a training afternoon for new Ministers and for our current Ministers who want a “refresher” on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 3-5pm at St Bede’s. I hope it’s OK to run one afternoon for both our parishes. Please give becoming part of this important ministry some consideration and talk to Fr Mark after Mass or on 01257 460154 if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thank you.

**St Bede’s Prayer Group.** The prayer group will meet every Monday at 1pm in St Bede’s Presbytery, starting on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join us in prayer.

**St Chad’s Craft Group.** The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SVP Chorley Buddies** are taking over **the running of Clayton Food Club** at Clayton Brook Village Hall, Clayton Brook, Clayton-le-Woods, Bamber Bridge. PR5 8HL, commencing on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. They will be running the club in a very different way and need more volunteers to help. Please get in touch by email to [chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk](mailto:chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk) or call 01257 542324 if you would like to know more about supporting this new venture. Thank you.

**Tea and coffee will be served** after the 9.15am Mass on 30th April and 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Chad’s Parish Centre. Anyone wishing to join the team to help with these events would be very welcome. Please speak to Fr. Mark if you would like to get involved. Thank you.

**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.



## **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.

## **Lourdes 2023**



If you or a member of your family would like to travel to Lourdes as an “assisted pilgrim” with the Archdiocesan pilgrimage this July, please contact Debbie at our Lourdes office or have a chat with Fr Mark. There are places available for pilgrims who require medical or other assistance both to travel and while staying in Lourdes. Our team of doctors, nurses and other volunteers will be on hand to help all

through the pilgrimage. Talk to Debbie in our Lourdes office on [07484911623](tel:07484911623) and she will be able to answer any questions you may have. For assisted pilgrims who stay in the “St Frai” with our medical team there is some financial help available from the parish. Please talk to Fr Mark if some help might enable you to travel to Lourdes.

Pilgrims not requiring medical assistance or personal care who would like to join our pilgrimage are asked to contact [Joe Walsh tours on freephone 0800 1890 468](tel:08001890468). Website: [joewalstours.co.uk](http://joewalstours.co.uk)

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

**Parish Office 01772 335209**

**The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am until 3pm  
for any 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](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and  
[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

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## Masses and Services this week

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm	St. Bede's	Angelo Gandolfo (RIP)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (PW4 )</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Baby Grace Gillibrand
	11am	St. Bede's	Anna Howard (RIP)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10am	St. Chad's	Leigh, Marks & Nickson families
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.15am	St Bede's	Donor
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	No Mass		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (CR)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Elise & Bill Hughes
	<i>With children from St Bede's school</i>		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	St. Bede's	Healing Peace
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (PW1 )</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden

### **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, Joyce Campbell and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**Congratulations** to Eva Phillips who will be baptised at St. Chad's this weekend.

**Please keep in your prayers** Paul Karkoszka and Karen Veronica Slavin who have died recently.