

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

Parish News

5th Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2023

First Holy Communion preparation is on Thursday 11th May at 6.30pm at St Bede's and on Sunday 14th 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.

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 21st May, 3-5pm at St Bede's.** **Please let Fr Mark know if you will be attending this event.** We need to know numbers attending for refreshments and photocopying. Thank you.

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.

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will meet every Monday at 1pm in St Bede's Presbytery, starting on **Monday 15th 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** 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 26th May** 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.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 9.15am Mass on
14th May in St. Chad's Parish Centre.

We hope to serve tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning
21st May at St. Bede's.



We do need a few more volunteers to help set up, serve and tidy away at our Sunday morning refreshments. Please speak to Fr. Mark if you would like to get involved in helping with tea and coffee after our Sunday morning Masses.

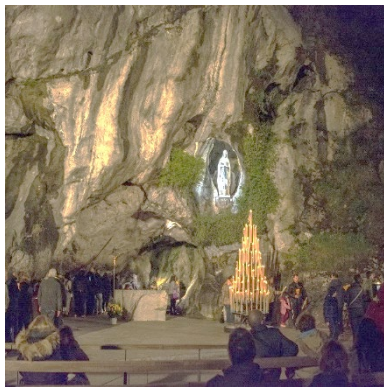
Cakes to serve or to sell are always very welcome too!

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. 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 or call 01257 542324 if you would like to know more about supporting this new venture. 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.



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: joewalshtours.co.uk

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open on 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 and

www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for “Parishes of St Chad and St Bede”

E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk or to **Fr Mark privately** m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 6 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Healing Peace
Sunday 7 th May	5th Sunday of Easter (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden
Monday 8 th May	10am	St. Chad's	Peter Turner (RIP)
Tuesday 9 th May	9.15am	St Bede's	Marie Crehan (RIP)
	3.30pm	St. Chad's	Funeral Service for Karen Slavin
Wednesday 10 th May		No Mass	
Thursday 11 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice & Harry Prescott
Friday 12 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Theresa Hanlon
Saturday 13 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Healing Peace
Sunday 14 th May	6th Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Peter Turner (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners



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

We welcome Evelyn Rose Townson who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend.

Confirmation for the young people of our parishes will take place at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane, on Friday 12th May.

Please keep all our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers

Karen Slavin and Lynne Wilkinson who have died recently.