

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

Parish News

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time 23rd July 2023

Thank you to Fr Michael Barrett for kindly coming to celebrate our Masses this weekend. Fr Mark is in Lourdes this week remembering all our parishioners each day at the Grotto.

PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. **ALPHA** is an eleven week series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed and safe environment. **Alpha** is for anyone at any age, who is curious to find out more about faith. It's designed for those who are exploring and questioning; it's open to cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along.

For further information or to register your interest please contact either Sr. Dorothy or Julie. Phone: Sr Dorothy - 07530238222 or Julie - 07943874257 Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or julieannebrown1971@hotmail.co.uk

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group is now taking a break, we will recommence in September.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will recommence in September. **St Chad's Reading Group.** The reading group will recommence in September. **Little Church** at Sunday Morning Masses will take a break over the summer and start again in September.

Thank you to everyone who helped at our Summer Brunch at St Chad's last weekend especially with the refreshments and with the games. It was a great success. The weather might not have been great but that didn't stop our young parishioners enjoying themselves.



Little Church at St Chad's will start in September. We need to make sure we have enough volunteers with a current parish DBS. If you would like to get involved in supporting our younger parishioners during our Sunday morning Mass at St Chad's please speak to Fr Mark. If your DBS application hasn't come through yet let us know and we can chase it up with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Thank you.

Thank you to the cleaning teams in our parishes who do such a great job of keeping our churches clean and tidy. **New helpers are always welcome.**Our cleaning teams meet on Wednesdays in St Chad's

and on Thursdays at St Bede's.

ST GREGORY'S ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL & CONCERT IN THE GARDEN 2023

St Gregory's Annual Beer Festival & Concert on the Garden will take place this year from $11^{th} - 13^{th}$ August in the Parish grounds at Weld Bank.

Featuring a selection of real ales and ciders (wine & gin will also be available), tickets for the event include a free glass of beer, a souvenir programme & glass. Delicious food will also be available throughout the weekend from our cafe. Tickets for the event cost £5.00 and are available from St Gregory's Parish Office Tel: 01257 262462 or 07944 931469. Limited tickets will also be available on the day.

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 and toiletries 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 support the work of the Community Larder.

Apologies: We had hoped to hold a further meeting in July to explore the possibility of keeping our St Vincent de Paul Group going at St Bede's but this has not been possible.

This meeting has been postponed until after the summer holidays.



The Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Centenary Pilgrimage is now underway. Some Lourdes novena prayer cards are available at the back of Church if you would like to accompany the pilgrimage with your prayers from 21st July. Here is the prayer in case we run out of cards.

Blessed Virgin Mary, at your school, Bernadette entered into a relationship with the Holy Trinity through the sign of the Cross. By teaching her prayer and penance for sinners you conveyed to her the joy of salvation. You revealed to her the beauty of your pure heart when you said, "I am the Immaculate Conception". With Bernadette, we turn to you trusting completely in your maternal intercession. Accept the intentions of our hearts in this novena of prayer (especially for ...). Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray to you especially for our own conversion and for all sinners. Also, watch over those who suffer in body or soul. In the hope that life will triumph over death, from this moment and for ever more, we want to sing with you the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Pray for us. St Bernadette - Pray for us.

Sunday 3rd September at St Gregory's Gardens 12-4pm
Chorley Catholic Community Festival. BBQ, stalls galore, tombola, cake stalls, lots of things for children to do, lots of live music and information from lots of local organisations. It's free to come along.

Our parishes will once again be running a tombola stall and a cake stall. We are going to need lots of prizes for the tombola and bakers who are willing to fill our cake stall. Please let Clare in St Bede's parish office know if you are able to bake or lend a hand on a stall. We need volunteers to help setting up and clearing away at the end of the day. Thank you.

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 and www.stchads-southhill.org

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stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 22nd July 6pm St. Bede's Deceased members of the

Moss & Halpin families

Sunday 23rd July **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (PW4)

9.15am St. Chad's Alan Clayton (RIP)

11am St. Bede's Joyce Halpin – Ramsbottom (RIP)

Monday 24th July 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word with Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th July 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 26th July No Mass

Thursday 27th July 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word with Holy Communion

Friday 28th July 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word with Holy Communion

Saturday 29th July 6pm St. Bede's Dominic McCrudden

Sunday 30th July **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (PW1)

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners 11am St. Bede's Sister Thérèse

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, Sandra Farrel, Conor MacLeod and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank and Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Confessions are normally heard in the confessional in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm. NO CONFESSIONS ON 22nd JULY.

Please leave the door open when you leave the confessional so people can see that they are able to enter. Thank you.

