



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

# Parish News

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

**Christian Churches keep the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

The theme of the week this year is ***"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself."*** If you search for "Churches Together Week of prayer for Christian Unity" on a computer you will find prayers and readings for each day of the Week of Prayer. Or you might say this prayer each day of the Week of Prayer: ***God of love, Who writes love in our hearts, instil in us the courage to look beyond ourselves and see the neighbour in those different from ourselves, that we may truly follow Jesus Christ, our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Two events to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

**Breakfast and Prayer Service** at St Lawrence's Church, Chorley.

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. 9am Breakfast. 10am Prayer. Everyone welcome.

**Online Countywide Service with Churches Together in Lancashire  
(To be held on Zoom)**

7pm on Wednesday 24th January

Please request a link to join in the service on your computer or tablet  
from [antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk](mailto:antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk)

## **Learning about our Catholic Faith**

We will be starting a group in the New Year at St Bede's for anyone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic, getting Confirmed as an adult, or coming back to Mass after some time away. Please talk to Fr Mark or Sr Dorothy if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.

**Our First Holy Communion preparation** will begin in February for children in Year 4 and above. If your child does not attend St Bede's or St Chad's Primary Schools and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please let us **know** and we can let you know when the classes will begin.

***If anyone is interested in joining our team of catechists at St Chad's*** please talk to Fr Mark who can let you know what it involves.

**Donations of warm clothing, toiletries and non-perishable food can be left at the back of our churches.** We support the Bamber-Bridge foodbank, Chorley Help the Homeless and the Preston Metanoia Project.

**St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group is now up and running again.**

The group exists to support those disadvantaged in our community. They raise funds through collections after Masses and other events. Through the "Twinnage" scheme they also support the work of an SVP group in a poorer part of the world. The more members we have the more people we will be able to support. Voluntary collections for the SVP will be taken after weekend Masses on two Sundays each month at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2024:** Any young person in Year 8 or older who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year is asked to register by visiting the website [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). The deadline to register is 18<sup>th</sup> March. When you register you will be contacted about preparation in our Deanery and the date and place of the Confirmation Celebration. Please talk to Fr Mark if you need any more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark 200 years of St Bede's Church on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. We hope many of our parishioners, past and present will be able to attend and stay for the celebration in the church grounds afterwards.

**Christmas poinsettias at St Bede's:** You are very welcome to take the plant you donated home with you after any Mass. **Please could you bring back to church the black bases so that we can use them next year.** Thank you.

**Christmas poinsettias at St Chad's:** Anyone who sponsored a poinsettia is welcome to take a plant from this Sunday. There will be someone at the back of church to assist you. Thank you.



**Tea and coffee** will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January and at St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is warmly invited to come along. Thank you to the new volunteers who have made it possible for us to continue to offer this chance to get together.

**St Bede's Prayer Group.** The prayer group will meet every **Monday** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

**St Chad's Craft Group.** The craft group will meet 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 **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** 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 hold two socials each month.** On the 2nd Wednesday at St. Chad's Parish Centre and on the 4th Wednesday at St. Mary's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm. A hot lunch & an activity or entertainment are provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book. If you are feeling lonely or isolated, please get in touch. The next dates are 24th Jan at St. Mary's. 14th Feb at St. Chad's.

**Next weekend** we welcome Fr. Martin Poulson SBD who will be serving in our parishes. There will be a retiring collection after the Masses for the Salesians of Don Bosco. Thank you.

### **Weekly offerings to the parish**

Thank you for all the support you are able to give to keep our parishes going, especially with the increase in costs that we have all had to face in the past year. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider making your weekly offering to the parish through Gift Aid. The parish will receive an additional 25% from the government for any money donated using the Gift Aid scheme. Please contact the parish office or let Fr Mark know you would like to Gift Aid your offering and he can let you have a form and a set of Gift Aid envelopes. Other donations to the parish such as Mass offerings, flower donations etc can also be given through Gift Aid. Many of our parishioners donate weekly or monthly to the parish through a Standing Order with their bank. If you would like to do this please let us know and we can let you have a Standing Order form. Thank you.

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and  
[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

**E-mail our parish office:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk)  
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**or to Fr Mark privately** [m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk)

**The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week for all enquiries.**

# Masses and Services this week

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	6pm	St Bede's	Alan Ainscough (RIP)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW4)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Barbara Walmsley
	11am	St. Bede's	Damian Fay
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.15am	St. Chad's	Clarke, Ellison & Sefton families
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	St Chad's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	St Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	6pm	St Bede's	Martin Fay
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW1)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention

We welcome Jonah Phillipson who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend.

## 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, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, Richard Shorrocks and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**There will be no confessions at St Bede's on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February. They will resume at 5.30pm – 5.50pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February.**