



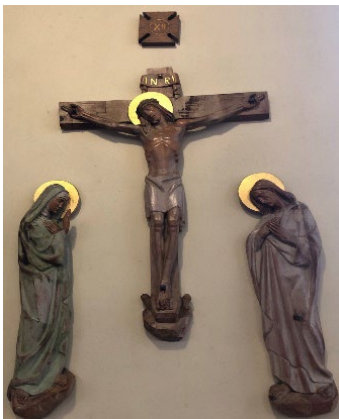
Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green  
and St Chad, South Hill

# Parish News

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

This week we mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.  
Masses are 9.15am at St Chad's and 11am and 7pm at St Bede's



**The Stations of the Cross**  
will be prayed in both our  
churches during Lent.  
**Starting on 19/02/24.**  
**Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm**  
**Thursdays at St Chad's at 7pm**  
**Fridays at St Bede's at 7pm**



Everyone is very welcome to join us for these times of prayer helping us to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.



**Tea and coffee** will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday and St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**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.

**All our families taking part in the preparation for First Holy Communion this year are asked to attend the Presentation Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

**9.15am at St Chad's or 11am at St Bede's**

**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. **The next meeting of the St Bede's Bicentenary Group** will be in St Bede's parish Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. New volunteers are very welcome to come along.

**St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group** a retiring collection for the SVP will be taken after weekend Masses on 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> March** 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.

### **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. If you would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Fr Mark. Thank you.

**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.

**We welcome** Callie and Maddie Hartley who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

**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.

**Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Warm Space.** The Second Monday of each month **10.00-11.30am** at 239a Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods, PR6 7PY (behind Whittle Surgery). Come along to meet people from the community, play games, jigsaws, read a book and enjoy a brew and a biscuit.

### **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.

**Confessions are heard in the confessional** in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request.



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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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**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)

**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 10 <sup>th</sup> February	6pm	St Bede's	Tom Fay
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Six Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW2)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	John Walsh
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Bernadette Byrne
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Elizabeth Hills (A)
	<b>11am</b>	St. Chad's	<b>Funeral Mass for Anthony Nolan</b>



### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### Ash Wednesday

**9.15am** St Chad's Rev. George Holden

**11am** St Bede's Martyn, Damian & Tom Fay

**7pm** St Bede's Elise Coward (RIP)

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	St Chad's	Patsy Clayton (RIP)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	St Bede's	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	6pm	St Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First Sunday of Lent (PW1)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Amy & Bill Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Ginny Grant (Jane)

#### Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners



Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, 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.

Please keep in your prayers **Eileen Farnworth**, former parishioner of St Bede's and **Anthony Nolan** of St. Chad's parish who died recently and for their families. **May they rest in peace.**