

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

Parish News

1st Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

Next Sunday at our morning Masses we will welcome all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in our parishes this year. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. 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** this week and we can let you know when the classes will begin.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Friday we are invited to go without something we would normally eat or drink and give what we have saved to help our brothers and sisters around the world who do not have the basic necessities of life.

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good.

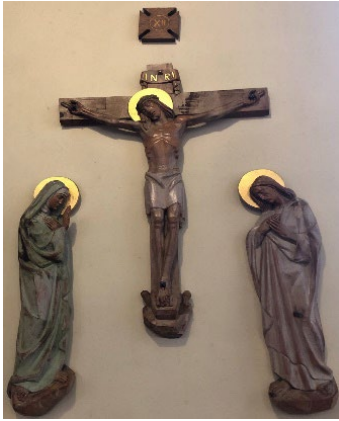
There will be a retiring collection next weekend after all Masses. Please give what you can, using the CAFOD envelope or in the retiring collection.

Save the date. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark 200 years of St Bede's Church on 9th 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.

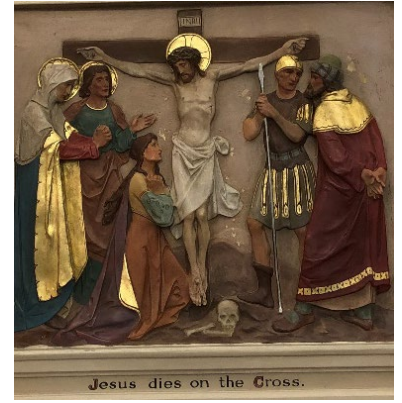
The next meeting of the St Bede's Bicentenary Group will be in St Bede's parish Hall on Monday 11th March at 7pm. New volunteers are very welcome to come along.

To help with the expenses for our Bicentenary celebrations, we invite you, if you can, to participate in a **£1 bin draw**. Please write your full name and contact number on the small envelope provided, put your £1 within, and seal and deposit this in the bin at the back of St. Bede's church.

The winner will receive 50% of takings and 50% will go towards our celebrations later in the year. **The draw will take place on Easter Sunday.**



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.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will take a break know until after Easter.

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 4th 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. The deadline to register is 18th 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.

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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Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

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

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



If you would like to know more about the CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal next week, and you have a smart phone, you can use this QR code to take you to more information. You can also donate to support the work of CAFOD through this link.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 17 th February	6pm	St Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 18 th February	First Sunday of Lent (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Amy & Bill Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Ginny Grant (Jane)
Monday 19 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Peter Turner
	1pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 20 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word and Holy Communion.
Wednesday 21 st February	No Mass		
Thursday 22 nd February	10.30am	St. Chad's	Funeral Mass for Richard Shorrock
	7pm	St Chad's	Stations of the Cross
Friday 23 rd February	9.15am	St Bede's	Carmel (A dear friend)
	7pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 24 th February	6pm	St Bede's	Elsie McCourt (RIP)
Sunday 25 th February	Second Sunday of Lent (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions

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, and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

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