



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

Parish News

2nd Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024

This 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – collection this weekend.

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families around the world with the resources to feed their families for good. There will be a retiring collection this weekend after all Masses. Please give what you can, using the CAFOD envelope or in the retiring collection. Any donations for CAFOD that you wish to make this Lent can be placed in the collection during Mass. Please put your donations in an envelope marked CAFOD or use one of the CAFOD envelopes at the back of Church.

Easter Raffle. Both our parishes will be holding a prize Easter Raffle in the coming weeks to raise money to support parish funds. Tickets are now on sale at the back of our churches. Please make sure your contact details are on the ticket stub so that we can contact the lucky winners. Details of prizes to follow.

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.

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. Bede's Parish Centre **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 3rd March**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will take a break 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 28th Feb at St. Mary's. 13th 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.

Spring Clean

A group of volunteers will be cleaning St. Bede's Parish Centre on the 2nd March from 8am. Also, in St. Chad's Parish Centre both inside and outside from 1.30pm on the 9th March. More volunteers are needed for both churches so come along to help with cleaning or gardening you would be very welcome.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet beginning on 7th March for over 60's to be held in St Bede's Parish Hall between 12.45 and 3.15 each Thursday. It costs £3 per week and we play games and have tea, coffee and biscuits. We also arrange trips out for afternoon tea, visits to garden centres and theatres and in December we arrange a trip out for a meal which includes entertainment. The club contributes to some of the cost of these trips. Please come along.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Starts on 7th March 2024 every Thursdays 11-12am, in St. Bede's Parish Hall. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986

St Chad's Primary School 200 Club subscription renewals are now being collected for the next 12 months (March 2024 to February 2025). Subscriptions are £15.00 per year and there are three prizes totalling £100 offered each month (£50, £30 and £20). The draw takes place in school at the end of each month. Thank you.

SVP Chorley Buddies have opened up Buddies Cafe running out of Buttermere Community Centre (Buttermere Ave, Chorley PR7 2JG) every Wednesday. It is a Community Cafe that is open to all, charging low prices to encourage all to come along. Please can you share this news with your friends and family? We are hoping to start a toddler group in the future during the cafe, and we also run a craft club at 12.30-2pm during the cafe.

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.

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

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 and Friday this week for all enquiries.

Masses and Services this week

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 Intention
Monday 26 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Graham Leaver (RIP)
	1pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 27 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Ashley Clayton (RIP)
Wednesday 28 th February	No Mass		
Thursday 29 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intentions
			Mass with the children of St Chad's School
	7pm	St Chad's	Stations of the Cross
Friday 1 st March	12 noon	St Bede's	Funeral Mass for Eileen Farnworth
	7pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 2 nd March	6pm	St Bede's	Peter McKeown
Sunday 3 rd March	Third Sunday of Lent (PW)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Patsy Clayton
	11am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage. Weston family

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 **Christina Rae** of St. Chad's parish who have died recently and for their families. **May they rest in peace.**

We welcome Naomi Ward and Freya Lowe who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.