



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

Parish News

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4th February 2024



Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass this Sunday and St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 12th 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.

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 25th February.

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

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

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

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 14th February.** Masses will be celebrated as follows: 9.15am St Chad's, 11am St Bede's and 7pm St Bede's.

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.

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion

The annual reunion will take place on Saturday 10th February from 1.30pm – 3.30pm, at Our Lady and St. Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

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 5th 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.

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.

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.

Thank you.

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.

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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 and
www.stchads-southhill.org

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E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk
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or to Fr Mark privately 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 3 rd February	6pm	St Bede's	Jason Rankin (RIP)
Sunday 4 th February	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Patsy Noblet (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 5 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Raymond Matthews
Tuesday 6 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion.
Wednesday 7 th February	No Mass		
Thursday 8 th February	9.15am	St Chad's	Catherine Whiteley
Friday 9 th February	9.15am	St Bede's	Richard Shorrocks
Saturday 10 th February	6pm	St Bede's	Tom Fay
Sunday 11 th February	Six Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	John Walsh

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 3rd February. They will resume at 5.30pm – 5.50pm on Saturday 10th February.

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.**

Holy Communion whilst in hospital.

Please contact St. Joseph's Presbytery if any of your family is admitted to Chorley Hospital 01257 262713.

In Preston Hospital, please inform the chaplain on 01772 522435.

In Wigan Infirmary, please inform the chaplain on 01942 822324.