



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

Parish News

Easter Sunday

31st March 2024

Dear Friends,

I very am glad to have this opportunity to wish you all the happiness and peace of Easter. Today is a moment to celebrate the merciful love of God that accompanies us through our lives and to the everlasting life of heaven that Jesus has opened for us. The darkness of Good Friday is never the end of the story. The joy and light of Easter morning awaits us all. Today we can ask the Lord to help us live the challenging moments we all pass through, moments of anxiety and sadness, with the certainty that God's loving promise is true. The joy of Easter awaits us. May the Holy Spirit make us all people of hope and trust who can lead others to find His peace for themselves.

It is a pleasure too today to thank everyone who makes it possible for our parishes to be the places of prayer and service that we cherish. So many people generously share their gifts and talents in our parishes as a sign of their gratitude for all that God has done for them. Without their efforts we would all be the poorer. We thank them all today.

May God bless you all with His joy, His peace and His mercy this Easter and all through the year.

Fr Mark

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact:

Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257

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St Chad's Family Bingo made £165 for parish funds.
St Bede's St Patrick's Day Bingo made £198.50 for the Bicentenary celebrations.

Thank you to our organisers and to everyone who was able to come along.
A lot of fun was had by everyone who took part.



Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7th April** and in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 7th April.**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Easter Raffle Winners

St. Chad's £100 Mr Haworth and £25 to Jean Miller and Bernadette Gillibrand.
St. Bede's £100 Ronson and £25 to Simon Clarke and Irene. Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in our raffle in support of parish funds.

The next meeting of the St Bede's Bicentenary Group / Social Group will be after Easter. New volunteers are very welcome to come along. To keep our group going into the future we have decided to rename it the "St Bede's Parish Social Group". We hope to organise lots of parish events in the years to come.
St Bede's Bicentenary celebrations update. Our group have been working hard putting together events to mark 200 years of St Bede's Parish. **Dates for your diary include:**

22nd – 24th May, 40 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekend of 8th and 9th June Bicentenary celebration weekend. A social evening in the garden after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 8th June and a Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Malcolm at 11am on Sunday 9th June followed by a parish garden party.

Tuesday 30th July, **Day of Prayer at Hying Hall Monastery, Carnforth.**

Our group of volunteers who keep the Parish Centre at St Chad's going for us are planning to organise more parish events in the coming months. They will now be called the "St Chad's Parish Social Group" to better reflect their work. If you would like to be a part of this group, please talk to Fr Mark who can tell you what's involved.

To help with the expenses for St Bede's 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 at the 11am Mass.**

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will finish for Holy Week and will start up again **Tuesday 9th April.**

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will take a break until after Easter and will start up again **Monday 15th April.**

St Chad's Reading Group The next meeting of the reading group is on **Monday 8th April.**

Mass Intentions

If you would like to request that a Mass be offered for a particular person or another intention please write the name of the person or intention to be remembered at Mass on an envelope with your donation and hand it in to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery. Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of church. If you have a parish Gift Aid number please write this on the envelope and we can claim the Gift Aid on your donation.

Thank you.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet for the over 60's in St Bede's Parish Hall between 12.45 and 3.00 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. Every Thursdays 11-12am (**apart from the 4th April, cancelled for Easter**) in St. Bede's Parish Hall. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986.

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. **No confessions on Holy Saturday.**

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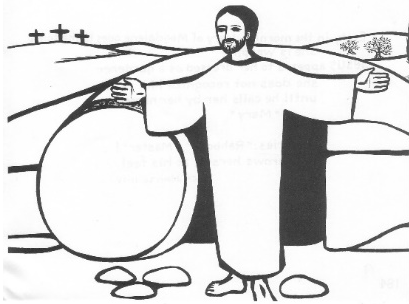
or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

The office is open on Thursday & Friday this week for all enquiries.

Masses and Services this Easter Week

Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil

8pm at St. Bede's Fr. Michael O'Neill (RIP)



**Sunday 31st March
Easter Sunday (PW1)**

**9.15am St. Chad's
Parishioners**

**11am St. Bede's
Parishioners**



***Both Masses on Easter Sunday morning will be followed by an
Easter Egg Hunt around the church grounds for our younger parishioners.***

Monday 1 st April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Westhead, Smith & Waring families
Tuesday 2 nd April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Maureen de Melchor (RIP)
Wednesday 3 rd April		No Mass	
Thursday 4 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (FJH)
Friday 5 th April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Saturday 6 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Martin, Tom & Damian Fay
Sunday 7 th April		Second Sunday of Easter (PW2)	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Anthony Nolan (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Michael Walsh

Please keep in your prayers Irene Corcoran of St. Chad's parish who died recently and her family. **May she rest in peace.**

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.