



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

Parish News

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st July 2024

This Sunday, 21st July, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for Priests in retirement. Our retired priests responded to the call to be priests and devoted their lives to serving God and God's people. Whilst they 'retire' at the age of 75, they are still priests for life. Many continue in ministry leading active lives – celebrating Mass, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need, supporting parish life and praying for us all. The priests' retirement fund, ensures that our retired priests enjoy a dignified retirement. It supports independent living, providing them with a suitable home alongside other services. Above all, it makes sure that their social and healthcare needs are met. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to the Church's mission and bringing people closer to Christ. Over the next ten years, approximately one third of our diocesan priests will reach retirement age, and the cost of care will rise significantly as a result of this. With your help, we can continue to offer our gratitude and support to our retired priests. Please remember our sick and retired priests in your prayers.



Tuesday, 30th July 10am – 4pm Retreat Day at Hyning Hall Monastery, Warton near Carnforth. There will be a talk from one of the sisters, Mass and Holy Hour and we will join the community for Midday prayer in the chapel. There will be plenty of time to spend in the extensive gardens. The sisters have space for 30 day guests. To keep costs down we are asking people to bring a packed lunch and to make their own way there. Lifts are available to anyone who can't get there by car. It's a 35 mile, 40 minute drive – 7 minutes off the M6 Carnforth exit. The day is open to people from both our parishes. Please talk to Clare in the parish office on 01772 335209 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday to check if there are any places left. We ask for £10 from each participant if you can manage that and we need your contact details.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre **this Sunday after the 9.15am Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

We recently received the Gift Aid payment for our parishes. St Chad's received £4,007 and St Bede's received £2,132. This is a great help towards covering our parish expenses. Thank you. If you are a UK tax payer and you would like to Gift Aid your weekly offering please get in touch. It is also a help if people make their weekly or monthly donation by a standing order with their bank, especially in the summer months when many people are away. Please let us know if you would like to support your parish with a standing order and we can let you have the form you need. Thank you.

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. If there is no answer, please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group is now taking a break, we will recommence in September.

St Chad's Reading Group. The reading group is now taking a break, we will recommence in September.

We always try to be a "welcoming church", particularly with the different needs people might have due to health conditions or living with a physical or learning disability. Sight loss, hearing difficulties, seating needs, level access to our buildings etc. might make it more difficult for people to join fully in the life of our parish. **If you, or someone you know, has a particular need or difficulty in coming to church please let us know.** We would be very happy to do whatever we can to help you. Some people have said that it isn't always easy to hear what is being said at Mass. We have asked a sound company to come and look at our amplification systems. There is a Loop System in both our churches for people who use a hearing aid. We rely on people who use it to let us know when it isn't working. Thank you.

Mass Intentions. If you would like to request that your prayers be remembered at the offering of the Mass, you can use one of the envelopes at the back of church. If you are part of our parish Gift Aid Scheme, we can claim back the Gift Aid on your donation if you write your Gift Aid envelope number on the Mass Intention request. Thank you.

Thank you to the Special Ministers of Holy Communion who have updated our parish records of those receiving Holy Communion at home. If you are going to be away on holiday please let us know and we may be able to arrange someone else to visit while you are away. If any of our housebound parishioners would like a visit from our parish priest please let Fr Mark know.

Christian Community Larder – needs breakfast cereals, porridge, tinned meat, rice/pasta, sauce, cooking oil, instant rice, noodles, biscuits, baby food (not formula), **washing up liquid, washing pods and liquid (not powder)** and **toilet rolls**. Tel: 07762905978 Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Please leave the food at the back of St Bede's Church. Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless. Similar items are very welcome.

The SVP are collecting the following items on behalf of the local **'TippyToes BabyBank'**. Newborn **boy** clothes & Prem clothes.

Additionally, if there are any parishioners who would like to knit any of the items listed then please let the SVP know and they will supply some wool. Boxes will be available at the back of Church for any donations.

Thank you for your support.

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

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 20 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	Derek Shirtcliffe
Sunday 21 st July	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Dennis Gray (Anniversary)
	11am	St. Bede's	Michael Walsh
Monday 22 nd July	9.15am	St Chad's	Parishioners
Tuesday 23 rd July	9.15am	St. Bede's	Ron Radue
Wednesday 24 th July	No Mass		
Thursday 25 th July	9.15am	St Chad's	Marie & Frank Davies
	12 noon	St. Bede's	Funeral for Patricia (Pat) Fellows
Friday 26 th July	9.15am	St. Bede's	Tony Halliwell (RIP)
Saturday 27 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 28 th July	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (MA)
	11am	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden (B)

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.

Welcome to Caolan Ince who will be baptised at St. Chad's this weekend.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, 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, Liam Fogg, Edward Killeen, Dorothy Whittle and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank and Brookhaven Nursing Homes.

Please pray for Pat Fellows who died recently, and her family. **Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.**

Our thanks to Fr Stephen Ugwu who will be serving in our parishes this week while Fr Mark is in Lourdes.