



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

# Parish News

Third Sunday of Advent  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## This weekend

The **Sacrament of the Sick** will be given to anyone who wishes after weekend Masses on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December. This gift of God is anyone who is feeling the aches and pains of getting a bit older or who is praying for God's healing of mind or body. Please spread the word to anyone who you think might find this a help. Thank you.



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## This weekend

There will be an **Advent Service of Reconciliation** at St Gregory's Church, Weldbank (PR7 3NW) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. Following a short time of prayer priests will be available round the church for you to make your confession and receive God's forgiveness.

### Prayerful preparation for Christmas.

Through Advent you are invited to come along to a shared reflection on the Sunday Advent Readings on Mondays in **St Bede's Presbytery**. 1pm to 2pm (with Tea and Coffee from 12.45pm). Everyone is very welcome to come along.

**Christmas Poinsettias.** We will be decorating our Churches for Christmas with poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a minimum donation of £6.50 towards the cost. Like everything else, the cost of the plants has gone up this year. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. Place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of church or put it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

**Christmas Raffle.** Books of tickets are now available at the back of church. They cost £1 for a book or 20p for a single ticket. It would be great if you could take some to sell to family and friends and work colleagues. If you can't sell them, just bring them back to church and someone else can have a go. The raffle will be drawn at our Sunday Masses on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Sr Dorothy and St Benedicte invite you to a coffee morning in aid of CAFOD** at their home in St Bede's Presbytery on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December after the 9.15am Mass so it will start at around 9.50am. Please come along and support this event if you can.

**Clayton Thursday Group and Chair based Yoga** have finished for their Christmas break and will start again in the New Year.

**Little Church – We really need a few more people who are willing to make up the numbers of helpers who have a DBS check.** You don't need to prepare the materials, just be around to offer a kind welcome to our children. Our First Holy Communion preparation will begin in February. We are looking for a couple more volunteers in each parish to help us prepare are young people and their families for this important event. Please let Fr Mark know if you would be willing to get involved.

**Gift Aid envelopes** are now available at the back of St. Bede's Church. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering to your Church, please let us know and we can send you a form that you give to your bank. You can also donate to your parish via bank transfer. Contact Clare on the office number 01772 335209 if you are interested. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

### **Carol Concert at Holy Cross High School Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm.**

You are warmly invited to come along to Holy Cross High School to hear a concert of well loved carols led by the students. You don't need to have a family member in the school to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Cross High School, Myles Standish Way, Chorley.



**Altar servers** – If you are in year 4 or older and would like to help with our altar servers team at weekend Masses, please let Fr Mark know. It's a great way to learn about your faith and serve God and our parish family.

#### **Non-perishable food and toiletries needed.**

**Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless.**

Warm winter clothes are also needed, particularly for men.

**Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church for the Christian Community Larder.** If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978.

Email: [christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com](mailto:christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com)

**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.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and  
[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

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**E-mail our parish office:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk)  
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or to Fr Mark privately [m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk)

The parish office is open on Tuesday and Friday. **01772 335209**

## Masses and Services this week

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	St. Bede's	in Thanksgiving (MMcC)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Third Sunday of Advent (PW3)</b>	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Amy & Bill Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Cecily & Frank Billington
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St Bede's	Fay family & Parishioners
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Rita & Elizabeth Carty & Elizabeth Monk
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am</b>	St. Bede's	Peter Fishwick
		<b>With the children of St Bede's School</b>	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	6pm	St. Bede's	Michael Charnock
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)</b>	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Vivien Howard

**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.



### **Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners**

George Morris, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Patrick Phillips, Joyce Campbell, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Robert Hackeson and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank and Brookhaven Nursing Homes.



## Christmas Mass Times

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

**5pm St Bede's 7pm St Chad's**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

**9.15am St Chad's 11am St Bede's**