



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

Parish News

Second Sunday of Advent
8th December 2024

Prayerful preparation for Christmas. Through Advent you are invited to come along to a shared reflection on the Sunday Advent Readings – Starting Monday 2nd December in **St Bede's Presbytery**. 1pm to 2pm (with Tea and Coffee from 12.45pm). Everyone is very welcome to come along.

There will be an Advent Service of Reconciliation at St Gregory's Church, Weldbank (PR7 3NW) on Sunday 15th 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.

Last weekend we started using the new translation of the readings at Mass. If you would like to know more about the reasons for the changes, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> where there are some short videos you can watch. Our Mass leaflets will have the new translation. Each Friday we send out by e-mail our weekly newsletter and the Bible Readings that are proclaimed at Mass to parishioners who have requested to receive them. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please send an email requesting this to either parish email address. This might be particularly useful to our readers at weekend Masses.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be given to anyone who wishes after all weekend Masses on 14th and 15th of December. This gift of God is for 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.

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 return to church and someone else can have a go. The raffle will be drawn at our Sunday Masses on Sunday 22nd Dec.

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.

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 17th December after the 9.15am Mass so it will start at around 9.50am. Please come along and support this event if you can.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. This weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support which is used to help people in need in our local area and their help is especially needed over Christmas.

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.

St Chad's Reading Group are finished for their Christmas break and will start again in the New Year.

SVP Chorley Buddies: On Wednesday the 11th December at St. Chad's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm there will be a hot lunch & an activity or entertainment for those who might not manage to get out much but enjoy good food and the company of other people. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book a place. Please mention this to someone you know who might appreciate the invitation.



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

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 and www.stchads-southhill.org

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E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk

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

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 7 th December	6pm	St. Bede's	Pat Kelly (RIP)
Sunday 8 th December		Second Sunday of Advent (PW2)	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Family Intentions
Monday 9 th December		Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Jose Noblet
Tuesday 10 th December	9.15am	St Bede's	Svce of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 th December		No Mass	
Thursday 12 th December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Anne Wilson (Anniversary)
Friday 13 th December	9.15am	St. Bede's	Kate Wals
Saturday 14 th December	6pm	St. Bede's	in Thanksgiving (MMcC)
Sunday 15 th December		Third Sunday of Advent (PW3)	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Amy & Bill Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions

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 24th December Christmas Eve

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

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

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

Please keep in your prayers Elodie Henessey who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend, and her family.