

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

Parish News

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th January 2025**



The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on the 17th March. Any young person in **year 8** can register for Confirmation preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. Young people in Catholic schools will be given preparation through school. Additional preparation will be offered to young people attending a non-Catholic school. Once we have a date for the celebration of Confirmation, we will be in touch with the candidates who have registered from our parishes to invite them to a preparation evening. If there are any adults who, for whatever reason, have not been confirmed please talk to Fr Mark. We can arrange for you to receive this sacrament in the parish if you wish.

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin in February in both our parishes. If you have a child in year 4 or above who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year who does **not** attend St Chad's or St Bede's primary schools, please get in touch and we will let you know when the preparation is starting.

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.

A Sausage Sizzle and Tea and Coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre **this weekend after the 9.15am Mass.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.
Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre **this weekend after the 11am Mass.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 21st January at midday in St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is very welcome to come along. Please join us if you can.

We will be holding a **"Hot Pot Supper post-Christmas Get Together"** in St. Bede's Parish Centre on Saturday 1st February from 7pm – 9.30pm. Hot food, dessert and musical entertainment. Tickets are now on sale after Masses at St Bede's for £6. We will serve tea and coffee but you can bring your own bottle if you wish.

We are actively looking for a few more volunteers who would be able to take Holy Communion to parishioners in St Bede's parish who are unable to join us at Mass. They might be in a nursing home or in their home. If you are willing to accompany one of our volunteers or drive them around that would be a help too. These roles need a DBS check which we guide you through. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to help. Volunteers from St Bede's or St Chad's are very welcome. Thank you.

St Chad's 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 will meet on 3rd February, 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.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on Monday 3rd February in St. Bede's Presbytery at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet on 23rd January for over 60's to be held in St Bede's Parish Centre between 12.45 and 3.15 each Thursday.

Please come along.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Starts again on 23rd January 2025 every Thursdays 11-12am, in St. Bede's Parish Centre. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986

Poinsettias at Christmas

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help us decorate our Churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. **You can now take your plants home with you after Mass.**

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.

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. Non-perishable food, tea and coffee and toiletries are always needed. If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978. Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags etc. left at the back of St Bede's Church go to the Metanoia Project in Preston.



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.

Breakfast and Prayer Service for Christian Unity will be held on Friday 24th January at 9.30am in St. Laurence's Church, Chorley. Everyone is welcome to come along to join in the prayer and fellowship.

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 29th January at St. Mary's & 12th February at St. Chad's.

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

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

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk
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The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. 01772 335209

Masses this week

Saturday 18 th January	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Thomas & Eva Gore and family (RIP)</i>
Sunday 19 th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Parishioners</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Fr. Simon (Animate Youth)</i>
Monday 20 th January	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Cuerden family</i>
Tuesday 21 st January	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday 22 nd January	No Mass		
Thursday 23 rd January	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Friday 24 th January	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Saturday 25 th January	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Margaret Mary Donnelly (Snr) (RIP)</i>
Sunday 26 th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Rev. George Holden</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Vivien Howard</i>



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, Marie Gamble and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.