



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

Parish News

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd February 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.



Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass and St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd March. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin this week at St Bede's and next week at St Chad's. Please keep our young candidates and their families in your prayers. 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 how to take part.

An SVP party will be held at Holy Cross Catholic High School on Friday 28th March 1.30 to 4pm. Afternoon tea will be served with some light entertainment and a few games of Bingo. Holy Cross will be able to provide transport to our housebound parishioners. Contact Clare on the office 01772 335209 if you would like to attend the party and we will book you a place.

Wednesdays During Lent - starting 12th March in St. Bede's (12:45pm Tea/coffee) 1pm to 2pm - Reflection on the Sunday Readings and what they say to us as Pilgrims of Hope. Everyone is welcome to join the group in preparation for our celebration of Easter.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on Monday 24th February and 3rd March in St. Bede's Presbytery at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on Monday the 3rd March, 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 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.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet every Thursday, for the over 60's, in St Bede's Parish Centre between 12.45pm and 3.15pm. Please come along.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Every Thursday 11-12am, in

St. Bede's Parish Centre. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986

During March, we ask all **Missio Red Box holders** to bring their boxes for collection. Feel free to empty your box at home and place your donation in the Missio brown envelope provided in September. If you no longer have the envelope, any envelope or small bag can be used. **If possible, please write the amount on the front of the envelope/bag, along with your name.** The boxes/envelopes can be left at the back of St. Bede's or St. Chad's Churches any time during March. Thank you for supporting Missio.

Lourdes 2025. Thursday 24th – Thursday 31st July. Bookings are now being taken for our annual pilgrimage. We are able to offer support for many people living with a disability or illness in the St Frai hub with our medical team of doctors, nurses and helpers. Some support from the parish is available if needed. Chat to Fr Mark if you would like to know more or call Debbie in our Lourdes office on 07484911623. To book as a regular pilgrim call Joe Walsh Tours on Freephone 08081890468.

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion

The annual reunion will take place on Saturday March 1st, 2025 from 1.00pm - 4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive. Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are most welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

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.

Help needed. Many parishes have welcomers at the back of church before weekend Masses. They hand out a newsletter and Mass sheet to people as they arrive and make people feel welcome who might not have been to our parishes before and answer their questions. If you would like to be part of a rota of welcomers, please let us have your contact details in the office or email Fr Mark. Thank you.

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

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

Masses this week

Saturday 22 nd February	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Margaret Summerville</i>
Sunday 23 rd February	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Pat Baldwin (RIP)</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Pat & Agnus</i>
Monday 24 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Special Intention (ML)</i>
Tuesday 25 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday 26 th February	No Mass		
Thursday 27 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Friday 28 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Franklin Chesworth</i>
Saturday 1 st March	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Bernard & Jenny Walker</i>
Sunday 2 nd March	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Douglas Rose & Marie Rose-Sanderson</i>

Welcome to Phoebe Rosemary Burke from St. Bede's and Nora Kate Derbyshire from St Chad's who will be baptised weekend. Please keep Phoebe and Nora and their families in your prayers.

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.