



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

Parish News

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd March 2025

This week we mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Masses are 9.15am at St Chad's
and 11am and 7pm at St Bede's

In Lent **the Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in both our churches.
starting on 10th March.

Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm

Thursdays at St Chad's at 7pm

Fridays at St Bede's at 7pm

Everyone is very welcome to join us for these times of prayer helping us to
prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

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 this Sunday at St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass and in St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin this weekend at St Chad's following the 9.15am Mass. Our next preparation at St Bede's is at 6.30pm on Thursday in church. Please keep our young candidates and their families in your prayers.

There will be a meeting of the St Bede's Social Committee this Monday, 3rd March at 7pm in St Bede's parish hall. The group arranges social activities for our parishioners. New members welcome.

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 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 31st 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.

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 envelop/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.



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.

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.

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.

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

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

Masses this week

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>
Monday 3 rd March	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	Funeral Mass for Alina Malecki
Tuesday 4 th March	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Kevin Gore</i>
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday		
	9.15am	St Chad's	<i>Dennis Gray</i>
	11am	St Bede's	<i>Rest in Peace</i>
	7pm	St Bede's	<i>Private Intention (J)</i>
Thursday 6 th March		St. Chad's	No Mass
Friday 7 th March	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Successful Operation</i>
	12 noon	St. Chad's	Funeral Service for Robert Hackeson
Saturday 8 th March	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday 9 th March	First Sunday of Lent (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Kitty Coupe (Anniversary)</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Margaret Drinkwater & family</i>



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

Please keep in your prayers Robert Hackeson of St Chad's parish, and Alina Malecki and Helen McClellan of St Bede's who have died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Welcome to Eleanor & Edward Carr from St Chad's who will be baptised this weekend.

Please keep Eleanor, Edward and their family 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.

