



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

Parish News

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th February 2025**

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

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.

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.

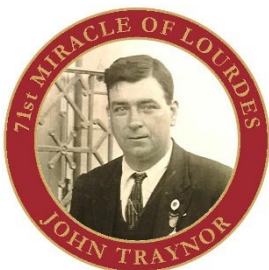
St Chad's Craft Group will meet every Tuesday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St. Chad's Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on Monday 10th February in St. Bede's Presbytery at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

There will not be a prayer group on 17th February due to school half term.

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 Thursdays 11-12am, in St. Bede's Parish Centre. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986



Mass of Celebration for the Miraculous Cure of Jack Traynor. On 8th December 2024, the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor of our Archdiocese was officially recognised and the 71st official miracle of Lourdes. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to a historic occasion as we celebrate this historic moment with Mass and a drinks reception on **Tuesday 18th February at 7pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. We have been asked to let the Cathedral know who will be attending the Mass to help with catering. Please let Clare know in the parish office if you will be attending and we can pass that on to the Cathedral.

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.

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.

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 12th February at St. Chad's & 26th February at St. Mary's.

Congratulations to Declan Lynn of St Chad's Parish who has completed 'the world's toughest row' of 3000 miles in a team of 4 in 44 days. A fantastic achievement. He is raising money for the Army Benevolent Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please go to the Just Giving website and search for Oarsome Army Educators.

Lourdes 2024. 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.



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.

A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

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Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and www.stchads-southhill.org

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

Masses this week

Saturday 8 th February	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>John Griffen</i>
Sunday 9 th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Sefton families</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Martyn, Damian & Tom Fay</i>
Monday 10 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Whittle families</i>
Tuesday 11 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 12 th February	No Mass		
Thursday 13 th February	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Michael Eccles (Ann.)</i>
Friday 14 th February	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Special Intention (JB)</i>
Saturday 15 th February	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Special Intention (SN)</i>
Sunday 16 th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Richard Shorrocks (Anniversary)</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Golden Wedding Anniversary of Sue & Ray Robson</i>

Welcome to Lydia Villoing who will be baptised at St. Bede's this weekend.
Please keep Lydia and her family in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers Susan Stainton of St Chad's parish whose funeral will take place this week.

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.