

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

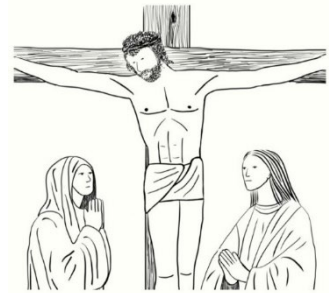
# Parish News

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families around the world with the resources to feed their families for good. There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD this weekend after all Masses. Please use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer. This increases the value of your donation by 25%. Thank you.

**In Lent the Stations of the Cross**  
will be prayed in both our churches,  
**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.



**Wednesdays During Lent - 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.



**Tea and coffee** will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre this weekend after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday. **All the proceeds will go to CAFOD.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**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.** Two people have kindly offered their help so far. Thank you.

**We need a few more volunteers to help us take Holy Communion to people in their homes.** This role needs a DBS check which is arranged through the parish office. If you would like to know more about this important service, please talk to Fr Mark. If you currently take Holy Communion to people in their home and think you might be able to add another visit each week, please let us know. Thank you.

**A half-day session for Children's Liturgy volunteers.** Led by Margaret Wright, former headteacher and currently RE advisor for the Diocese of Lancaster and catechist. An opportunity to share good

practice already taking place and explore alternative ways of 'Unlocking the Word' with children, for example, through imaginative prayer and praying with pictures. Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 Time: 10.00 (for a 10.30 start) till 12.30 at St Teresa's Church, Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS. R.S.V.P. to [penwortham@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:penwortham@rcaol.org.uk) by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**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 Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group.** Next weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

**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

**St Bede's Church.** 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB **01772 335209**

**St Chad's Church.** 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and [www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

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

**E-mail our parish office:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk)

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or to Fr Mark privately [m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk)

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

## Masses this week

Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Frank Kellett (RIP)</i>
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (PW2)</b>		
		9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Parishioners</i>
		11am	St. Bede's	<i>Fr. Bill McCormick (RIP)</i>
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Patrick		
		9.15am	St. Chad's	Maureen Hughes
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Father Michael O'Neill (RIP)</i>
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Successful Operation</i>
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Fay family</i>
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Pat Bolton (RIP)</i>
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Third Sunday of Lent (PW3)</b>		
		9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Vincent Noblet</i>
		11am	St. Bede's	<i>Adrienne Beeby</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 Marjorie McIver and John Joseph Ryan of St Bede's and John Wilcock of St Chad's who have died recently.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.***

**Congratulations** to the children of both our parishes who will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Thank you.

**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.

**This year's Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank.**