

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

Parish News

1st Sunday in Lent
9th March 2025

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Friday we are invited to go without something we would normally eat or drink and give what we have saved to help our brothers and sisters around the world who do not have the basic necessities of life.

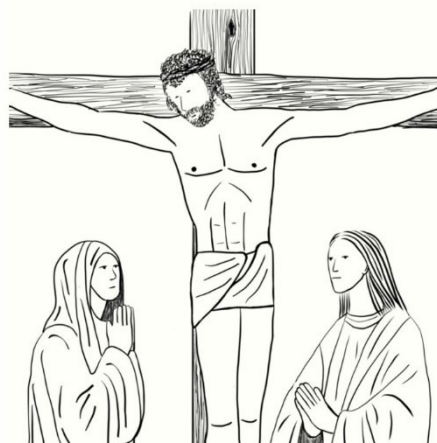
This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. There will be a retiring collection next weekend after all Masses. Please give what you can, using the CAFOD envelope or in the retiring collection.

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.



SVP Chorley Buddies will be holding a hot lunch & an activity or entertainment in St. Chad's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm on Wednesday 12th March. 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.



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.

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. 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 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.

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.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL SHRINE. Saturday 15th March 2025. Walking from St Wilfrid's to Ladyewell and stopping to pray the Stations of the Cross on the way carrying our 6ft cross. Setting off at 9am. On arrival we will have social time and time to eat our packed lunches, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Reconciliation, time to visit the well, and finish with Mass. Transport back to St. Wilfrid's will be offered for walkers. If you cannot manage the walk (around 4 miles), you can meet us there at 12noon. A perfect way to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope! All welcome but places must be booked. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. For more info see posters at the back of church or contact joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk 07481 188102.

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.



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.

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 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 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>
Monday 10 th March	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Special Intention</i>
Tuesday 11 th March	11am	St. Bede's	Funeral Service for Helen McClellan
Wednesday 12 th March	No Mass		
Thursday 13 th March	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Friday 14 th March	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Mgr Michael McKenna (RIP)</i>
Saturday 15 th March	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Frank Kellett (RIP)</i>
Sunday 16 th March	Second Sunday of Lent (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Parishioners</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Fr. Bill McCormick (RIP)</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 Helen McClellan, Marjorie McIver and John Joseph Ryan of St Bede's who have died recently.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Welcome to Noah McAslan from St Chad's who will be baptised this weekend. Please keep Noah and his 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.

