



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

Parish News

6th April 2025 5th Sunday in Lent

We are holding a collection for CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal at the end of Masses this Sunday. Funds raised will support our Catholic Church partners in Myanmar to deliver the water, food, solar lights and mosquito nets that they have told us are urgently needed for families affected by the earthquake. In the longer term, we aim to help communities rebuild their lives when the situation allows. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 (12:30pm Tea/coffee) 12.45pm to 1.45pm - 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. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass.

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.** Four people have kindly offered their help so far but we need a few more to be able to put a rota together.

Thank you

This year's Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation will be held this weekend on Sunday 6th April at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank, PR7 3NW. After a short service of prayer priests will be available around the church for people to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Everyone is very welcome to come along to help us prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

By popular demand we will be holding another concert by the **Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band** in St Chad's Church on **Sunday 18th May 2.30pm to 4.30pm**. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments. Children can attend for free. Please contact Ann on 07708992621 or Angela on 07761983041 to reserve your tickets. Our last concert sold out quite quickly so don't leave it too long if you hope to attend.

There will be a meeting of the St Bede's social committee to plan future social events for our parishes on Monday 14th April at 7pm in the St Bede's parish hall.
New volunteers are very welcome to come along.

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: 31st 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 by Wednesday 28th May.

Little Church: We will be holding an Easter egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, 20th April**, at **St. Chad's after the 9.15am Mass** and at **St. Bede's after the 11am Mass**. Children are invited to pop into Little Church after Mass to collect their puzzle sheet and questions. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

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.

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.

SVP Chorley Buddies will be holding a hot lunch with an activity or entertainment on Wednesday 9th April at St. Chad's Parish Centre. Transport is available. Call 01257 542367 to book.



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.

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.

The Celebration of the Sacred Triduum in Holy Week

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be celebrated at St Chad's: the Good Friday service will be celebrated in both our churches and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday evening at St Bede's. It would be good if we had a Reader and Special minister from St Bede's on Holy Thursday and from St Chad's on Holy Saturday. Please let Fr Mark know if you think you can help. 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	5 th	April	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Sheila Brown (RIP)</i>
Sunday	6 th	April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (PW1)		
			9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>John Wilcock (RIP)</i>
			11am	St. Bede's	<i>Parishioners</i>
Monday	7 th	April	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Geoffrey Giddings (RIP)</i>
Tuesday	8 th	April	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Martyn Fay</i>
Wednesday	9 th	April	No Mass		
Thursday	10 th	April	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Bernard & Kathleen Sweeney</i>
Friday	11 th	April	9.15am	St Bede's	<i>Parishioners</i>
Saturday	12 th	April	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Adrienne Beeby</i>
Sunday	13 th	April	Palm Sunday (PW2)		
			9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Parishioners</i>
			11am	St. Bede's	<i>Peter Galagher (Anniversary)</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.

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.

Each week we send out this parish newsletter by email to those who would like to receive it at home. If you would like to join our mailing list please send an email to the parish and we can add you to the list.