



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

Parish News

Fifth Sunday of Easter

18th May 2025

Following the success of St Bede's Bicentenary celebrations last year, we will hold another **parish garden party** following the 11am Mass at St Bede's on **Sunday 22nd June** this year. **We will be holding a meeting at 7pm in St Bede's parish hall on Thursday 29th** to plan the event. We will need volunteers to run stalls, flip burgers, set up and clear away, bakers, stewards and to help in many other roles. Please let us know if you would like to get involved and help us make this event a fun and successful parish event. We are going to need some strong people to put up the gazebos and move tables and chairs. If there is someone in your family who you think would be happy to help for half an hour or so, please let them know that their help would be very much appreciated. Helpers from both our parishes are very welcome. Thank you.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served in **St Chad's Parish Centre** on **Tuesday 20th May starting at Midday with a VE Day theme**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It's a free event but donations towards the cost are welcome. Good food and good company. Please join us if you can.

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.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre on Sunday 1st June after the 9.15am Mass and St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

We wish the pilgrims from our parishes who are travelling to Padua this week and happy and safe journey. Thank you and welcome to Fr Graeme and Fr Peter from St Gregory's parish who, between them, will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.



The appointment of our new Archbishop, John Sherrington, was announced recently. He will be installed at the Cathedral in Liverpool on Tuesday 27th May at Midday. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to take on his new ministry. **Each parish has been offered two tickets to attend the Mass of installation.** If you would like to attend, please let us know. If

there are a few people wanting tickets we will draw the names out of a hat to see who will receive them.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St. Chad's Parish centre. Everyone is welcome

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will meet on **Monday** in St. Bede's Presbytery at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 2nd June** from 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

Are you an existing catechist looking to refresh your knowledge? The Archdiocese will hold a training module in Leyland called 'Missionary Catechesis' in June. The module will help participants identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship. Topics including family focused catechesis, catechesis for those with special & additional needs, leading a team of catechists, and ongoing formation. The module will be held on **4 June, 11 June, 18 June and 25 June, 19.00 – 20.30** at **St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD**. If you're interested, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Thank you to the volunteers who have started acting as welcomers. It is a big help to people visiting our churches who might not know that they need a Mass sheet, how children can get involved in Little Church or where the toilets are etc. We haven't got enough welcomers yet to start a monthly rota. If you would like to lend a hand to make visitors to our churches feel

welcome, please let us know or talk to one of the welcomers who have already joined the team. Thank you.

Knitting natters from the Christian Community Larder are asking for yarn and wool. If anyone has any, could you please hand it in at St Chad's or at St Bede's and it will be delivered to the Larder. Thank you.

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.

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.

There will be a Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) -Discerning God's Call in your life 23rd - 25th May, Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **To find out more contact Sr Lynne (FCJ) at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com**

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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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 and Friday.

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Masses and Services this week

Saturday 17 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Fay family</i>
Sunday 18 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (PW1)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Maureen Hughes</i>	
11am	St. Bede's	<i>Clare Haythornthwaite</i>	
Monday 19 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Service of the word with Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 20 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Service of the word with Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday 21 st May	No Mass		
Thursday 22 nd May	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Service of the word with Holy Communion</i>
Friday 23 rd May	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Service of the word with Holy Communion</i>
Saturday 24 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Cassie Comerford</i>
Sunday 25 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>John Hilton (Anniversary)</i>	
11am	St. Bede's	<i>Rebecca Sheridan</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, 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 Mary May Evans and Joe Hardacre of St Bede's parish who have died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

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.