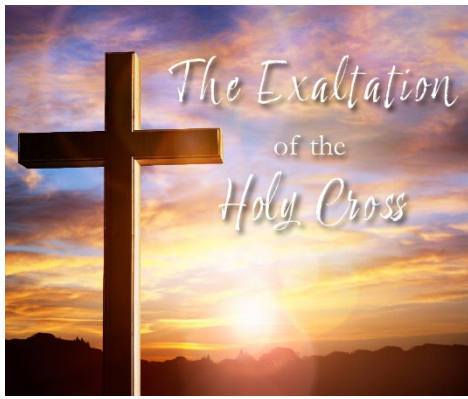




**Parishes of St Bede,
Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill**

Parish News

**The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross**

14th September 2025

Next weekend is Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

We are asked to pray for the work of the Church in trying to make the Good News of Christ heard in our noisy world. We might also ask God to help each of us play our part in making Jesus known and loved through our words and our example. The retiring collection after Masses next weekend will support the work of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Please use the baskets at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Thank you.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served this Tuesday in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It's a free event but donations towards the cost are welcome. Good food and good company. **The lunch will be held on Tuesday 16th September at midday.** Please join us if you can.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. On **Thursday 18th September**, 11am – 12pm, in **St Bede's Parish Centre**. For more information, contact Janet 07890165986

Clayton Thursday Group will be meeting on **Thursday 18th September**, for the over 60's, in **Whittle Methodist Church opposite the Whittle GP Surgery on Preston Road (A6) Chorley** 12.45 - 3.15pm.

St Chad's Craft Group will meet on **Tuesday 23rd September** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

A date for your diary: Comedy Night in aid of St Chad's Parish organized by our parish volunteers hosted by our local celebrity Steve Royle. St Joseph's Parish Centre Harpers Lane, Chorley. Thursday 13th November. Doors open 7.15pm. Bar and light refreshments. Tickets will be on sale soon. Save the date!

During September, we ask all **Missio Red Box holders** to bring their boxes to St Bede's and St Chad's churches for collection. Feel free to empty your box at home and place your donation in the Missio brown envelope provided after the previous collection in March. If you no longer have the brown envelope, any envelope or small bag can be used. **If possible, please write the amount on the front of the envelope/bag, along with your name.** The box/envelopes can be left at the back of St Bede's and St Chad's churches any time during the month of September. Thank you for supporting Missio.

Music Youth Ministry Pilgrims of Hope

We are looking for anyone who is year 9 to age 25 to be a part of our NEW Youth Music Ministry. This is a chance for anyone, no matter what your musical background to come together and unite as a music group. Dates: **5th Oct**, **2nd Nov**, **23rd Nov** (followed by Mass at 5.30pm). This is a chance for people who have the same passion/interest in music and in faith to be part of something new and exciting. Bring your instrument (if you have one) and a friend to **Animate Youth Ministries, Lowe**

House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens. WA10 2BE. If you have any questions, get in touch with admin@animateyouth.co.uk or telephone 01744 740463

50th Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026



We are moving the opening of applications earlier this year to allow for a 50th Anniversary of the youth pilgrimage 'early bird' special. **The website will go live on 15th September at 9am.** Those who apply before the 20th October are eligible for the early bird discount of '£50 reduction' in the total cost of the pilgrimage. Apply at www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk or scan this QR code.

The consultation discussing the future of St Joseph's parish, Brindle has now finished. All comments have now been typed up and forwarded to Archbishop John. We now wait for discussion between the trustees of Ampleforth Abbey and of the Archdiocese to be concluded. Please keep the parishioners of St Joseph's in your prayers in this uncertain time, and also Fr Raphael as he prepares to take up his new duties in November.

Non-perishable food, toiletries and clothing 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.

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.

St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523 **St Bede's Parish Hall** 01257 271818

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**

Fr Mark will be away for one more weekend, the 14th of September.

Fr Seth will be with us until the 19th September. The parish phones will be answered by Clare and Sr Dorothy during this time.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 13th September 6pm St. Bede's John William and Florance Nickson

*Sunday 14th September **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (PW4)*

9.15am St. Chad's Stafford Woods (RIP)

11am St. Bede's Matthew Curry

Monday 15th September 9.15am St Chad's Parishioners

Tuesday 16th September 9.15am St. Bede's Paul Richardson (RIP)

Wednesday 17th September No Mass

Thursday 18th September 9.15am St. Chad's John Dixon (RIP)

Friday 19th September 9.15am St. Bede's Robert Smith (RIP)

Saturday 20th September 6pm St. Bede's Robert & Elizabeth Gardner

*Sunday 21st September **Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (PW1)*

9.15am St. Chad's Dorothy Breheny (RIP)
11am St. Bede's Thomas (Tommy) Gielty

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, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Anna Leonard, Jim Holmes 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.



Welcome to Olivia Willams-Massey from St. Chad's who will be baptised this weekend. Please keep Olivia and her family in your prayers.