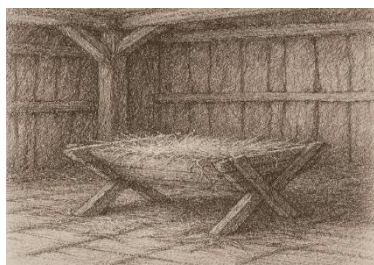


**Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill**
Parish News
Third Sunday of Advent
14th December 2025



Times of Advent Prayer
At St Bede's Church on Thursday at 7pm
on 18th of December.

You are invited to join a time of prayer and reflection - some space at this busy time of year for us to deepen our preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Scripture, reflection, music and quiet prayer.

A Coffee Morning and Craft Sale will be held in St. Chad's Parish Centre on the **14th December**, after the 9.15am Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Christmas Poinsettias. We will be decorating our Churches for Christmas with poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a minimum donation of £7 towards the cost. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. Place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of church or through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

There will be an Advent Service of Reconciliation at St. Gregory's Church Weldbank (PR7 3NW) on Sunday 14th December at 3pm. Following a short time of prayer, priests will be available round the church for you to make your confession and receive God's forgiveness.

HELP NEEDED. Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning our churches. If you think you can help, please talk to Fr Mark.

We also need a few more members for our choir at the 9.15am Sunday Mass at St Chad's. Just make your way to the choir loft before Mass if you would like to be part of the choir.

St. Bede's Prayer Group meets every **Monday** in the **Presbytery of St. Bede's at 1pm – 2.30pm.**

Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. 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 take a break for Christmas and will start again on Monday 5th January 2026.

Clayton Thursday Group and Chair based Yoga will take their Christmas break and will start again on Thursday 15th January 2026.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. This weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support, which is used to help people in need in our local areas and especially over Christmas period.

Young people in Year 8 and older are now invited to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026. Go to **liverpoolcalled.co.uk** and complete the registration form. Enrolment closes on 13th February 2026. Once we know the names of those requesting confirmation we will contact them after 13th February with information about preparation for the Sacrament.

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, tinned corned beef or other tinned meat, tea and coffee and toiletries are particularly needed as these are becoming less affordable for people. If you need help or would like to offer help call 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.



New members for our altar servers teams at weekend Masses are needed. Children in Year 4 and older are very welcome to join. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to know more. Serving at Mass is a great way to learn more about our faith and serve your community.

Becoming a member of the Catholic Church

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please get in touch. If you have any questions about what this involves, please let us know and we can arrange for you to meet Fr Mark or one of our parish volunteers. You don't need to make a commitment! We are happy to meet and listen to your questions. Please pass on this information to people you know who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church. Thank you.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO THE UKRAINIAN HUB: Winter is approaching fast, and the people of Ukraine are facing another bitterly cold winter. Please look in your cupboards for candles, warm socks, gloves and hats (adult and children's), thermal clothing, coats and jumpers you don't need anymore, female hygiene items, plasters, bandages, paracetamols, cough mixtures (adult and children's). It will all be very much appreciated by poor people who are suffering so much. Please take your donations to the Ukrainian Hub, which was the White Hart pub near Chorley police station. Wednesday 2-4pm and Sat 10.00-12.00 noon. Candles are especially needed. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

5pm St Bede's 7pm St Chad's

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

9.15am St Chad's 11am St Bede's



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St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523
St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818
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www.stchads-southhill.org
 Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"
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 or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk
 or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk
The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 01772 335209

Masses and Services this week

<i>Saturday 13th December</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Jim Holmes</i>
<i>Sunday 14th December</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent (PW3)</i>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Amy & Bill Billington</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Claire Hilton</i>
<i>Monday 15th December</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Hughes family</i>
<i>Tuesday 16th December</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Thanksgiving & forgiveness</i>
<i>Wednesday 17th December</i>	<i>No Mass</i>		
<i>Thursday 18th December</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Vincent Noblet</i>
	<i>7pm St Bede's Advent Reflection and Quiet Prayer</i>		
<i>Friday 19th December</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Peter Fishwick</i>
<i>Saturday 20th December</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Cameron Beeby</i>
<i>Sunday 21st December</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)</i>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Brian Pooley (RIP)</i>

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Kath Yates, Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.
 We pray for Kathleen Curly, formerly of Howarth Court, who sadly died recently.
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

Confessions are heard in in St Bede's church on **Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass**
from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request.