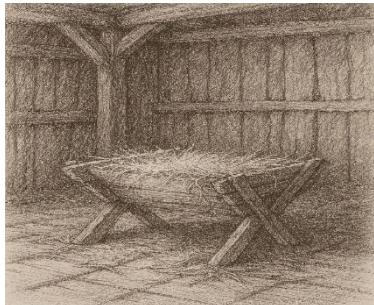


Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

Second Sunday of Advent
7th December 2025



Times of Advent Prayer At St Bede's Church on Thursdays at 7pm on 11th and 18th of December.

You are invited to join two times 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.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass this weekend**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Coffee Morning and Craft Sale will be on in St. Chad's Parish Centre **next weekend, 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 put it 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.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility on **Thursday, 11am – 12pm**, in **St**

Bede's Parish Centre. If you want any more information, please contact Janet on 07890165986

Clayton Thursday Group will be meeting on **Thursdays** for the over 60's, in **Whittle Methodist Church on Preston Road** between 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

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, which is used to help people in need in our local areas and their help is especially needed over Christmas.

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 after 13th February we will contact you to let you know 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 more unaffordable for people. 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.



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



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

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or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 6th December

6pm St. Bede's Derek Shirtcliffe

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent (PW2)

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Monday 8th December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9.15am St. Chad's Brendan Howard (Ann)

Tuesday 9th December

9.15am St. Bede's Jenny & Bernard Walker RIP

Wednesday 10th December No Mass

Thursday 11th December 9.15am St. Chad's Elizabeth Monk, Rita & Rosemary Carty

Advent Reflection and Quiet Prayer 7pm St Bede's

Friday 12th December

9.15am St Bede's Service of the word with Holy Communion

Saturday 13th December

6pm St. Bede's Jim Holmes

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent (PW3)

9.15am St. Chad's Amy & Bill Billington

11am St. Bede's Claire Hilton

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 St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request. No confessions on 6th December.