



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

## News

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**



**Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**The Parish Centre at St. Bede's has had to be closed because of a faulty water tank in the attic. The water has caused the circuit boards in the boiler room to catch fire and the electricity board has cut the outside cable to the parish hall. We will let you know when the parish hall can be used again and are very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.**

**The St. Chad's Social Group** is looking for new volunteers to join their team. The next meeting is on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can.

**St Bede's Prayer Group** will meet on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

**St Chad's Reading Group** will meet on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, 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.

**St Chad's Craft Group** will meet on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

**Chair based exercise in St. Bede's Parish Hall** has been cancelled at the moment. For more information, contact Janet 07890165986

**Clayton Thursday Group** for the over 60's, will meet on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** in **Whittle Methodist Church on Preston Road** between 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

**SVP Chorley Buddies** will hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at **St. Chad's Parish Centre** from **12 until 2pm**. A hot lunch and an activity or entertainment is provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book.

**A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 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. Please join us if you can.

**Children in Year 4 or older who would like to celebrate their First Confession and First Holy Communion this year** are invited to come to the first preparation session. Classes will be held at St Bede's at 6.30pm in church beginning on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and at St Chad's after the 9.30am Mass beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Children who attend our parish schools will have already received their letter of invitation. Children attending other schools should contact our parish office. Please keep all our candidates and their families in your prayers at this important time. Our catechists are welcome to pick up a list of dates of the classes and celebrations from the sacristy.

**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](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and complete the registration form. Enrolment closes on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Once we know the names of those requesting confirmation after 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will contact you to let you know about preparation for the sacrament.

Please could you remove from **St. Bede's and St. Chad's cemeteries** the flowers and Christmas decorations from the graves by **the 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, or thereabouts. The grounds keeper will be mowing the cemeteries shortly after that date. Thank you.

**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.

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. If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978.

Email:[christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Thank you to everyone who is able to make a donation. Things are particularly difficult for the homeless and those rough sleeping at this time of year and your help is much appreciated.

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**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](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and [www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

**E-mail our parish office:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk) or [stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk)

**or to Fr Mark privately** [m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk)

**The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 01772 335209**

## Masses and Services this week

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	6pm	St. Bede's	Kevin Birchall (RIP)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)</b>	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Raymond Matthews (Anniversary)
	11am	St. Bede's	Shiela Kay (RIP)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Fr. Frank Quinn (Romanians Missionary)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February		No Mass	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	St. Chad's	Laurence Eccles (RIP)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	St. Bede's	Elizabeth Hill (Anniversary)
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	6pm	St. Bede's	George & Clare Cook (RIP)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)</b>	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Kathleen Partlin (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving & forgiveness

### **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.

Confessions are normally heard at St Bede's Church  
on Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm or at any time on request.

**Confessions will resume on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**



**Altar Servers.** New servers are always welcome. Children in Year 4 or older are very welcome to learn how to serve at Mass. It's a great way to learn more about the Mass and help us to pray together.

Please let Fr Mark know if you would like to join our teams.