

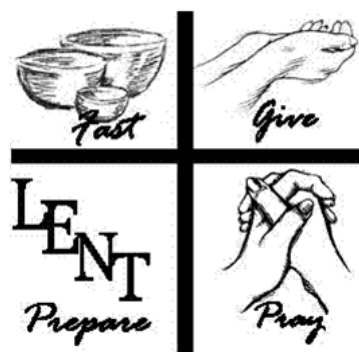
Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green St Joseph, Brindle and St Chad, South Hill Parish News

2nd Sunday in Lent 1st March 2026

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. There will be a

retiring collection on the 28th February and the 1st March, after all Masses. Please give what you can, using the CAFOD envelope or in the retiring collection. At any time, you are welcome to put an envelope marked "CAFOD" into the collection and we will make sure it is sent on. If you pay tax in the UK, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church to make your donation. This adds 25% to the value of your donation. Thank you.



We are holding a **weekly bible reflection** at St Bede's Presbytery on Wednesdays during Lent. The meeting will begin at 1pm and last about an hour looking at the beautiful readings we will hear at Mass on Sundays. Everyone is welcome to come along.

In Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in our churches,

Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm

Thursdays at St Chad's at 7pm

Fridays at St Bede's at 7pm



Everyone is very welcome to join us for these times of prayer helping us to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

If you would like to be involved in reading at our Stations of the Cross, please speak to the leader after the service.

The community at St Joseph's Brindle are meeting for readings, hymns and quiet prayer in church on Saturdays, to begin with in Lent, 4pm-5pm, followed by a cuppa in the presbytery. Everyone is very welcome to join in this time of prayer.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 2nd March**, 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 3rd March** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

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

You are warmly invited to participate in the **Youth Mass at St Gregory's Church, Chorley**. This gathering provides an opportunity for our schools and parishes to come together in faith and unity. The event will take place on **Sunday 8 March 2026 in the afternoon (Meeting at 15:00 hours)**, and we hope that many members of our wider community will be able to join us for this meaningful occasion. This year's Youth Mass will take a different form from previous years. In keeping with the spirit of Lent, we are embracing CAFOD's Lenten challenge to walk 200 km over 40 days, and we aim to incorporate this challenge within our celebration of the Youth Mass. We will gather at Holy Cross, where parking facilities will be available for all participants. From there, we will walk together to St Gregory's Church via Myles Standish Way. A map and schedule of timings are provided below. For those who wish to contribute, donations towards CAFOD's initiative can be made using the link provided below. Contributions may also be offered in person on the day of the walk. Link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/sign-up#signup> We hope you will be able to join us as we come together in shared purpose, reflection, and community spirit.

St Chad's Social Group are looking for new volunteers to join their team. St. Joseph's parishioners are more than welcome to attend. The next meeting is on **Monday 2nd March in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can.

Parish contact forms are available at the back of church printed on pink paper. These must be signed by each individual wishing to hand in their contact details to be kept in our parish files. It's a big help to our parish priest to know how to contact people but we need their consent to do this.

Receiving the weekly newsletter by email. Please fill in one of the parish's contact forms and tick the box indicating you would like to sign up for our weekly newsletter.

During March, we ask all **Missio Red Box holders** to bring their boxes to church for collection. Feel free to empty your box at home and place your donation in the Missio brown envelope provided with the previous collection in September. If you no longer have the 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 boxes/envelopes can be left at the back of St Bede's or St Chad's Churches any time during March. 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. Any singers or musicians in our parishes who would like to get involved in helping with music at our weekend Masses are also very welcome. If you would like to volunteer in any way in the parish, please let us know.

Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and warm clothing are 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 in Bamber-Bridge. 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 helping homeless people in Preston. Your support is very much appreciated especially during this time of bad weather.

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www.stchads-southhill.org and www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk

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The parish office is open on **Thursday and Friday** this coming week.

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Saturday 28 th February	6pm	St. Bede's	Marie & Tony Morris
Sunday 1 st March	Second Sunday of Lent (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Liz Fogarty (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Peter Gallagher (Anniversary)
Monday 2 nd March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
Tuesday 3 rd March	9.15am	St. Bede's	Bill Christopher (RIP)
	2.30pm St Joseph's Primary School Lent Mass		
	Everyone is very welcome to attend this Mass		
Wednesday 4 th March	No Mass		
Thursday 5 th March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Liz Fogarty (RIP)
Friday 6 th March	9.15am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions
Saturday 7 th March	6pm	St. Bede's	Stella Gore (RIP) (Birthday)
Sunday 8 th March	Third Sunday of Lent (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Liz Fogarty (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	For the Lord's mercy and 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.

Please keep in your prayers all the children who have now begun their preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and their families.

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



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 team.