



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

Parish News
4th Sunday in Lent
15th March 2026



This weekend, **Sunday 15th March**, our retiring collection after all Masses is to support **Nugent**, our Archdiocesan caring service. This year's appeal invites us to put into action Jesus' call to *love our neighbour* by supporting those within our communities who are most in need. Thank you for your support.

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.



You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's School Hall, (Bournes Row, Houghton, PR5 0DQ) **this Monday, 16th March at 2pm**. The prayers will be led by children from the school. Everyone is very welcome to join them for this time of prayer in preparation for Holy Week.

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.

Lenten Prayers at Brindle St Joseph's

Come together as a community for prayer and togetherness in the Church and Parish Rooms.

The Music Group has volunteered to run these.

From 4.00pm each Saturday.

The format is a 30 minute prayer time using readings, music and silence, with a Children's Liturgy joining the adults at 4.30.

Tea, coffee and a catch up will be available afterwards.

Please join us if you can.



Family Bingo and Games Afternoon in St. Chad's Parish Centre from 2 until 4pm, on Sunday 22nd March.

There will be a few games of bingo and some special games for children. Refreshments will be served during the event. All are very welcome to come along and bring children or grandchildren for an afternoon of fun and games. If you would like to come on your own to this event please do. We will make sure everyone is made welcome.



Coffee Morning this weekend with a Mothers' Day and Craft Sale in St. Chad's Parish Centre on Sunday 15th March after the 9.15am Mass.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Could you join our team that counts the collection each week at St Bede's? If you would like to help, please talk to Fr Mark and we can let you know how to volunteer. Thank you.

A couple of parishioners have asked if they can help with the preparation for Masses as a sacristan or with the washing of the cloths used at Mass. Please let Fr Mark know you would like to help and we can put you on our team. Thank you.

We also need parishioners with a current DBS to stay in the sacristy with our priest and deacon when we have altar servers helping at Mass. Please let Fr Mark know if you are willing to volunteer for this role. Thank you.



Our Lent Deanery Service of Reconciliation will take place at St Gregory's Church, Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW at 3pm on Sunday 22nd March.

After a short time of prayer together priests will be available around the church for people to make their confession and receive God's forgiveness in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served this week on **Tuesday 17th March** 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.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet on **Thursday 19th March** for the over 60's, in **Whittle Methodist Church on Preston Road** between 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 13th April**, 1pm to 3pm 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. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 17th March** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

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 parishes 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.

Centring Prayer Day - Saturday 21st March

Led by Fr Richard Sloan, this day focuses on teaching and practice of this beautiful way of silent, simple, meditation prayer in the presence of God, lovingly active within you.

Saturday 21st March, 10am – 4pm in St Teresa's Church, Norris Green, L11 3BW including simple lunch.

No charge: places must be booked by contacting: st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk

Easter Triduum

Our services for Holy Week and Easter will be celebrated across our two churches.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated at 7pm at **St Chad's** followed by Watching and Night Prayer.

The Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday will be celebrated in both churches at 3pm. Fr Mark will lead one and Deacon Simon the other.

The Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection is celebrated on Holy Saturday night starting with the blessing of the Easter Fire outside church at 8pm at St Bede's. During this celebration we will welcome two adults who have asked to be baptised and two adults who will be confirmed and received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We keep them in our prayers.

Easter Morning

**Masses will be celebrated at
9.15am at St Chad's and at
9.30am and 11am at St Bede's.**

We need some people to attend the 9.30am Mass as there may be too many people to accommodate at the 11am Mass if we don't divide those attending across both Masses.

Following the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's and the 11am Mass at St Bede's our Little Church teams have organised an **Easter Egg Hunt** around the grounds of our churches which all our children are invited to join but they must be accompanied by an adult.



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.



Family of Parishes Retreat Day
Opening our hearts to the gift of Holy Week

Saturday **28th March.**

At St Chad's Parish Centre.

10am – 3.45pm

Led by Fr Mark Beattie

Please bring a packed lunch if you are staying for the full retreat day. Tea and coffee provided.

Numbers for the retreat day are limited but everyone is welcome to attend Mass at Midday and a "Holy Half Hour" of prayer in church starting at around 3.15pm.

To book a place for the retreat day please telephone St Bede's Parish Office on 01772 335209.

The office is open **on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am – 3pm.**

It is a big help if bookings can be made at these times.



**This Thursday is the Solemn Feast of
St Joseph.**

We keep the three communities in our Family of Parishes of Brindle and Hoghton, Withnell and Harpers Lane, all under the protection of St Joseph, in our prayers.

*St Joseph, faithful guardian of Jesus and protector of Mary,
guide us today with your quiet strength.*

*Help us to work with integrity, care for others with patience,
and listen for God's voice in the ordinary moments of life.*

*Pray for our homes, our families, our Church,
and for all who labour unseen.*

St Joseph, pray for us.

We remember in prayer Fr Peter Crowther of St Joseph's, Withnell who died on 1st March. May he rest in peace. We keep the parishioners of St Joseph's in our prayers too at this sad time.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

His Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

Vigil Mass: Thursday 19th March at 7.00 p.m.

St Joseph's Church, Bury Lane, Withnell, Chorley, PR6 8SD.

Celebrant: Bishop Tom Williams

*Canons of the Cathedral Chapter will lead a
celebration of Evening Prayer at 6.30 p.m.*

Requiem Mass: Friday 20th March at 12 noon.

St Joseph's Church, Bury Lane, Withnell, Chorley, PR6 8SD.

Celebrant: Archbishop John Sherrington.

Burial will follow at St Joseph's, Anderton.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Beattie Tel. 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 www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk

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 and Friday** this coming week. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services This Week

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| <i>Saturday 14th March</i> | <i>6pm</i> | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Stephen Yates</i> |
| <i>Sunday 15th March</i> | <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (PW4)</i> | | |
| | <i>9.15am</i> | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Parishioners</i> |
| | <i>11am</i> | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Martin Hallam (RIP)</i> |
| <i>Monday 16th March</i> | <i>9.15am</i> | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Liz Fogarty (RIP)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 17th March</i> | <i>Feast of St. Patrick</i> | | |
| | <i>9.15am</i> | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Sue & Tom Williamson (A)</i> |
| <i>Wednesday 18th March</i> | <i>No Mass</i> | | |
| <i>Thursday 19th March</i> | <i>Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | | |
| | <i>9.15am</i> | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Rev. George Holden</i> |
| <i>Friday 20th March</i> | <i>9.15am</i> | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Parishioners</i> |
| <i>Saturday 21st March</i> | <i>6pm</i> | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Success of an operation</i> |
| <i>Sunday 22nd March</i> | <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (PW1)</i> | | |
| | <i>9.15am</i> | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Vincent Noblet</i> |
| | <i>11am</i> | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Jim & Walter</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.

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

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 and the four adults who will be
baptised or received into full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil.