



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

Parish News

Palm Sunday
of the Passion of
the Lord

29th March 2026

Holy Week is the most important week of the Christian year.

Just as Sunday is the heart of every week, Holy Week is the heart of the entire liturgical year — the moment when we walk with Christ through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

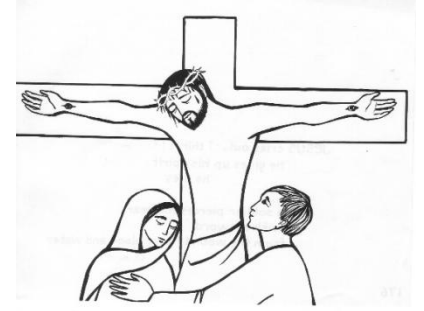
Everything in the Church's life flows from these days.

Today, Palm Sunday, we remember with gratitude the love shown by Our Lord as he enters Jerusalem to give his life for us.



On **Holy Thursday** night we enter the Sacred Triduum by remembering the Last Supper, where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and gives us the great gift of the Eucharist. We receive the new commandment to love one another in humble service in imitation of him. After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose, inviting us to keep watch with the Lord in Gethsemane.

Good Friday is a day of fasting, silence, and deep reverence. We listen to the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord. We venerate the Cross on which he died to set us free, and we solemnly pray for the Church and for the world. There is no Mass today; instead, we receive Holy Communion consecrated the night before at the Mass of the Last Supper.



On **Holy Saturday** the Church waits at the tomb in quiet hope. After nightfall, the Easter Vigil begins with the new fire and the proclamation of Christ's victory. We hear the great story of salvation, celebrate the sacraments of initiation for new members of our Church, and rejoice as the light of the Resurrection breaks into the darkness.



On **Easter Sunday** the Church across the world gathers to rejoice in the light of the resurrection and the new life Christ has won for us.

Tea and coffee will be served in **St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass and in St. Bede's Parish Hall after the 11am Mass on Sunday 5th April.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Following the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's and the 11am Mass at St Bede's on Sunday 5th April 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.

Red Admiral Brass Band Spring Concert is on **Sunday 10th May at 2.30 – 4.30pm in St. Chad's Church.** Light refreshments are included. Please ring Angela 07761 983041 or Ann 07708 992621 to put your names down for this fabulous concert.

Spring SVP Gathering will take place on **Wednesday 29th April at 1.30pm in Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley. PR7 3LS.** Join us for an afternoon of bingo, crafts, prizes, musical performances by our school choir and afternoon tea will be served. **To book a place 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.

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.

Some of our 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. 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.

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.

St Chad's Craft Group will meet on **Tuesday 31st March** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.
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.

Kathryn Jackson, the St Chad's Cafod Rep, is doing the **Lent Walk**, to raise money in support of Cafod's great work supporting the poorest of our brothers and sisters. If you would like to sponsor her, please visit our parish website and click on the link on this week's edition of the newsletter or type in the link below. Thank you.

https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/kathryns-fundraising-page594?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=PPC

Any adults in the parish who would like to be baptised, received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are very welcome to get in touch and we will be very happy to help. Please talk to Fr Mark or to Sr Dorothy and we can look at how we can best support your decision.

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The parish office is open on **Tuesday and Thursday** this coming week. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services this Holy Week

Saturday 28th March 12 noon *St Chad's For our Family of Parishes*
 6pm *St. Bede's Liz Fogarty (RIP)*

Sunday 29th March ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (PW2)***
 9.15am *St. Chad's Patrick Matthews (A)*
 11am *St. Bede's Fr. Michael O'Neill (RIP)*

Monday 30th March 9.15am *St. Chad's Parishioners*

Tuesday 31st March 9.15am *St. Bede's Parishioners*

Wednesday 1st April **No Mass**

Thursday 2nd April

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm at St. Chad's *Fr Lawrence Mayne (RIP)*
 followed by Watching and Night Prayer

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday - Service of the Lord's Passion
3pm at both St. Bede's and at St. Chad's

Saturday 4th April

Easter Vigil 8pm at St. Bede's *Kitchen family*

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

9.15am St. Chad's *Parishioners*

9.30am St. Bede's *David Torevell & Lynn*

11am St. Bede's *Parishioners*



Confessions are heard in the confessional at St Bede's Church on Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm or at any time on request. **No confessions on Holy Saturday.**

Please keep in your prayers the four adults who will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil – Alan, Duncan, Josh and Kelly.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Kath Yates, Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss, Agnes Martland and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

If anyone living in our parishes would like to be included on our list of those requesting prayers, please complete one of the prayer request forms at the back of church. We need your consent to publish your name in our newsletter. Thank you.

