

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

Parish News

Easter Sunday

5th April 2026

Dear Friends,

The blessing of Easter is a gift for each one of us. Joyfully together, and quietly when we are alone, we say thank you from our hearts that we have glimpsed the truth of how loved we are. We are all, like the first disciples, witnesses to the mercy of God who has shown us His loving heart in the life, death and resurrection of his Son. Let's ask God that the peace of Easter will be with us through the coming year. Whatever Good Fridays we pass through we know that they will always be followed by the light and life of Easter morning. God is very close to us. He made us in love, accompanies us each moment in love, and He will carry us to our final home, following our Lord to the place he has prepared for us all.

It's a great pleasure today to thank everyone who makes it possible for our parishes to be the places of prayer and service that we are all supported by in our lives as disciples of Jesus. A special thank you goes to the people who have shared their time and talents to ensure our Holy Week and Easter celebrations have been so beautiful and prayerful. So many people generously work in our parishes to show their gratitude for all that God has done for them. Without their efforts we would all be the poorer. We thank them all today.

May God bless you all with His joy, His peace and His gentle presence this Easter and all through the year.

Fr Mark

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.



The 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.

The 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 that 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 Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 13th April** in **St Bede's Presbytery**

at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group will meet on **Tuesday 14th April** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

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.

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.

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.



Confessions are heard in the confessional at St Bede's each Saturday at 5.30pm-5.50pm, or at any time on request. You can call Fr Mark to arrange a convenient time. If you are unable to get to church Fr Mark can arrange to visit you at home.

At the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday evening this week Archbishop John blessed the oils to be used in the celebrations of the Sacraments of the Church in the coming year. **After all Masses next weekend, 11th and 12th April, anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick is invited to remain in church after Mass** asking God for healing of mind and body.

A Divine Mercy service will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Chorley on 12th April starting at 3.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Private Confessions will be available during Exposition.

The afternoon also includes the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary and the Sunday Mass of the day. The devotions end with the blessing of the Divine Mercy image and its veneration.

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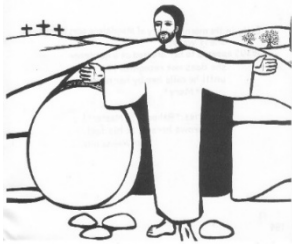
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The parish office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** this coming week. **01772 335209**



Masses and Services this week

Saturday 4th April Easter Vigil

8pm at St. Bede's *The 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*



Following the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's and the 11am Mass at St Bede's on Easter Sunday there will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the church grounds for our younger parishioners.

Monday 6th April 9.15am St. Chad's Whittle families

Tuesday 7th April 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th April No Mass

Thursday 9th April 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Friday 10 April 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Saturday 11th April 6pm St. Bede's Karen Gomez (RIP)

*Sunday 12th April **Second Sunday of Easter***

9.15am St. Chad's Fr. Peter Crowther (RIP)

11am St. Bede's John Crilly

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

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.