

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

# **Parish News**

**The Most Holy Trinity 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**



**Confirmations will take place in our Family of Parishes at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. A rehearsal will be held in the same place for all candidates on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.** If any other young people in Year 8 or older would like to be Confirmed or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Fr Mark.

***Please keep all our young people preparing for this important moment in their lives in your prayers in the coming weeks. Thank you.***

**Any singers & musicians** who would like to support the music at our Confirmations will be most welcome. There will be 2 rehearsals at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on the Wednesdays of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm - 8pm. Tea & coffee will be served afterwards.



All our Special Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a time of prayer and reflection on this important ministry **in St Joseph's Primary School, Harpers Lane, Chorley on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm.** Please try to attend this meeting if you can. For catering purposes we would like to know how many of our Special Ministers will be attending this event. Please let us know in the parish office or email [fop3attendance@outlook.com](mailto:fop3attendance@outlook.com) to confirm attendance.

**A Sausage Sizzle with tea & coffee** will be served in **St. Chad's Parish Centre** on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June after the 9.15am Mass.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**Tea and coffee** will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.** Everyone is very welcome to join us

Archbishop John Sherrington is inviting all parishes and parishioners across the archdiocese to join together in praying a Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life on Sunday 21 June. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). The Novena is available on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life>, as well as at <https://prayforlife.ie>

## **GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?**

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. It begins on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 at 7pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre** and will run every Thursday for 10 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact:

**Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257**

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

**St Chad's Reading Group** will meet on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, 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 Social Group** are meeting on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**, starting at **6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can.

**St Chad's Craft Group** will meet on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

**SVP Chorley Buddies** hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at **St. Chad's Parish Centre** from **12 until 2pm**. A hot lunch & an activity or entertainment are provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book.

**Lark Hill Association 125th Anniversary Celebration** on **Saturday 27th June 2026**. Mass in the chapel Newman College at 12 noon followed by a light buffet lunch (£10). For catering purposes please contact Janet Metcalf 07713300192 or [janet.metcalf53@icloud.com](mailto:janet.metcalf53@icloud.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> June.

At the back of St Bede's church there are small brown envelopes for people **who wish their donation to go to St Joseph's church in Brindle** supporting the Ampleforth Trust to maintain the buildings and meet ongoing costs. If you Gift Aid your donation please write your parish Gift Aid number on the envelope.

Any children in Year 4 of primary school or older are invited to become part of the altar serving team at our weekend Masses. Just talk to Fr Mark and he will let you know how to get involved. It's a great way to learn about our Faith and serve God and your parish family.

**Chorley Help the Homeless** at The Gateway is very grateful for all the generous contributions from our parishioners. Unfortunately, there is an ongoing need for food, especially, rice, tinned meat e.g. Corned Beef, Spam, Cordial, Hotdogs, Weetabix and chocolate cereals. Any donations can be placed in the box in the porch at St. Chad's. At The Gateway we also provide, not only food parcels but a free breakfast and lunch every week, Monday to Friday and a warm space for those in need. Thank you.

Clothing and food donations left at the back of St Bede's church support our local food bank and the Metanoia Project supporting homeless people in Preston.

The next time of prayer at **St Joseph's Church, Brindle**, will be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm** followed by tea and cake. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick for all who wish to receive it and there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

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.

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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)

[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org) [www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk](http://www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk)

**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** this coming week. **01772 335209**

## Masses and Services this week

<i>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Paul McBeth (RIP)</i>
<i>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</i>	<b><i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i></b>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Constance Foy</i>
<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Fr. Gerard Cobham (RIP)</i>
<i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Matthew Jennings (RIP)</i>
<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	<i>No Mass</i>		
<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Leigh, Marks &amp; Nickson families</i>
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Adrienne Mitchell &amp; Adam</i>
<i>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Success in Exams</i>
<i>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<b><i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i></b>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Grundy &amp; Kershaw families</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>for the Lord's mercy &amp; forgiveness</i>

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

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

Please keep in your prayers Marie Sharples of St Bede's parish who died recently and her family.  
May she rest in peace.

**Preparation for the Celebration of First Holy Communion will resume at St Chad's on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June after the 9.15am Mass and at St Bede's on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.**

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. If you are unable to get to church due to ill health or following hospital treatment etc., we can arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact us and let us know that you are unable to come to Mass and we will be happy to help.