

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

Parish News

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th July 2026**



The **annual Archdiocese of Liverpool Pilgrimage to Lourdes** is taking place from 23rd to 30th July. This year we have two parishioners with the Youth pilgrimage helping pilgrims who need assistance and two parishioners travelling to be part of the music group helping to lead our worship. Around 1000 pilgrims are part of our group including around 350 young people.

If you would like to take part in the Lourdes Novena of prayer there are sheets at the back of church that you can take with daily prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes while the pilgrimage is taking place. There will also be daily prayers and updates on the pilgrimage on Archdiocesan social media sites. You will all be very much remembered in the prayers of Fr Mark and our parishioners at the grotto.

Lourdes at Home during the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

Tuesday 28th July: 6pm Adoration & Benediction

7pm Mass of Our Lady followed by Recitation of the Rosary

And Candlelit Procession followed by refreshments.

St Teresa's Church, Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. This weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 27th July** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft and Reading Groups are taking a summer break and will recommence in September.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd August.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

You may have noticed the new, very smart appearance of the doors to St Chad's Church. Our thanks go to Alan of St Chad's parish who kindly volunteered to put in all the hard work to make them look so good and to be weather-proof for many years to come. Thanks too to the parishioners who made donations to cover the cost of the paint and materials used for the repairs.

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. Please get in touch if you would like to know more or sign up to take part in the sessions.

Alpha 2026

We have had a wonderful response to our Alpha Course beginning on the 3rd September at 7pm and to accommodate the numbers we are offering the same course on a **Wednesday afternoon beginning 2nd September**. If anyone would prefer the afternoon Course, would you please contact Sr. Dorothy or Julie. It will **start at 12.45 and finish at 2.30pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre**.

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

Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

At the back of St Bede's church there are small brown envelopes for people **who wish their donation to go 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.

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

Knitting natters from the Christian Community Larder are asking for yarn and wool. If anyone has any, could you please hand it in at St Chad's or at St Bede's and it will be delivered to the Larder. Thank you.

If any of our **Special Ministers of Holy Communion or readers** on the weekly rota will be away or unable to attend Mass over the summer, please let us know in the parish office so that we are able to find a replacement.

Thank you.

Catholic Holidays in the Lake District this summer. During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact 017687 72711. Also, during October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.

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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

www.stchads-southhill.org and 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

<i>Saturday 25th July</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>John Dixon (Anniversary)</i>
<i>Sunday 26th July</i>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)</i>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Alan Hill (RIP)</i>
<i>Monday 27th July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<i>Tuesday 28th July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wednesday 29th July</i>	<i>No Mass</i>		
<i>Thursday 30th July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<i>Friday 31st July</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Saturday 1st August</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Dominic McCrudden</i>
<i>Sunday 2nd August</i>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)</i>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>John Dixon (Anniversary)</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

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, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please remember in your prayers Jean Pennington and Andrew Thompson of St Chad's parish who have died recently and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Thank you to Fr Graeme Dunne (6pm) Fr Charles Essien (9.15am) and Fr Michael Barrett (11am) who in addition to their other duties will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

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. **No confessions this Saturday 25th July.**

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.