

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

Parish News

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026



October – Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed in both churches before the weekday Masses during the month of October, starting around 9am. There are leaflets at the back of church with the prayers of the Rosary for people to take if they wish or to use during our times of prayer in church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal.

The retiring collections after Masses this weekend, 3rd – 4th October, are being taken at a time of growing uncertainty for many of the poorest people in the world. CAFOD stands alongside communities facing the toughest conditions. Together, we put our faith into action, inspired by the love of the Lord and seek to build a better world. CAFOD would be deeply grateful for your support this Harvest time. One of the many projects CAFOD currently supports is in Zimbabwe. Hunger and thirst are stopping children from learning. Your support this Fast Day will help children stay in school by providing the food and safe water they need. You can also donate or set up a regular donation to CAFOD on their website. Go to www.cafod.org.uk and follow the link to “donate”. Thank you.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede’s Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 4th October.**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along. If we get a few more volunteers, we could have refreshments after Mass on Sunday more often. Please let us know if you could help. Volunteers are needed to set up the table and chairs and put them away and to prepare and serve the tea and coffee. Thank you.

St Bede’s Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 5th October** in **St. Bede’s Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

St Chad’s Reading Group will meet on **Monday 5th October**, 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.

The St. Chad’s Social Group will meet on **Monday 5th October** in St. Chad’s Parish Centre, **starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can. New volunteers for looking after our parish hall and organizing parish events are always very welcome.

St Chad’s Craft Group will meet on **Tuesday 6th October** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad’s Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad’s Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 18th October.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

The soup and sandwich lunch that should have taken place on **Tuesday 20th October** in St Chad’s Parish Centre **has been postponed** due to work being carried out in the large room. We will let you know the rescheduled date when we have it. Thank you.

SVP Chorley Buddies hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 14th October** at **St. Chad's Parish Centre** from **12 until 2pm**. A hot lunch and 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.

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.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027: Applications are now open for young people in Year 10 and up to the age of 22 to travel to Lourdes to work with our assisted pilgrims. Coach 5 takes young people from the Lancashire areas of Orrell, Chorley, Leyland and Penwortham. There is a £50 reduction for anyone applying before 18th October. There is a further £100 reduction for any young person who achieved the Gold level of the Faith in Action Award at the end of the last school year. Apply at www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk . For more information, please email Ben McMullen, Coach Leader at coach5@rcao.org.uk

If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder offers practical help and a warm welcome for local families.

Opening times: Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am. **Telephone:** 07762 905978. **Email:** christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

The Community Larder opened in July 2022 behind St Aidan's Church, supported by Five Churches Together and South Ribble Council. Please visit or share these details with anyone who may need support. 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. Similar donations at St Chad's support Chorley Help the Homeless.

We are looking for a new Foundation Governor for St Bede's Primary School. We need someone with a professional background in finance who is a regular Mass attender. If you think you would be able to help, please talk to Fr Mark who will be able to tell you what is involved in this important voluntary role.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or came along to the comedy evening on Friday and made the event such a great success. Our fundraising activities are increasingly important in trying to meet the costs of running our parishes as everything gets a bit more expensive, especially our heating costs, through the winter months. Thank you to everyone who is able to support the ministry of our Church through their prayers, their service and their donations.

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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

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

Saturday 3 rd October	6pm	St. Bede's	Donor's intention
Sunday 4 th October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Bernard Kiley (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 5 th October	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alice & Harry Prescott
Tuesday 6 th October	9.15am	St. Bede's	Fr. Lawrence Mayne (RIP)
Wednesday 7 th October	No Mass		
Thursday 8 th October	9.15am	St. Chad's	Liz Fogarty
Friday 9 th October	9.30am	St. Bede's	Parishioners

Thanksgiving for the harvest with the children of St Bede's School

Please sit towards the back of the church. Thank you.

Saturday 10 th October	6pm	St. Bede's	Frances Syon & Ann Widdecombe
Sunday 11 th October	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Donor's intention

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.

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 would like to make your confession.



Altar Servers. New altar 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.