



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

# Parish News

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**First Holy Communion 2022.** Preparation for our First Holy Communion children this year will begin in March in both our parishes. If you have a child in Year 4 or above who does not attend school at St Bede's or St Chad's and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please call Fr Mark and we will make sure you know when the preparation sessions are starting. Thank you.

### **Confirmation Preparation is starting again**

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation you can now register at [Liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://Liverpoolcalled.co.uk). Registration is open until 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. If you register to take part can you please let us know. If you are older and would like to be confirmed please talk to Fr Mark. He would be very happy to hear from you.

Fr Mark will be away from 8<sup>th</sup> February and will return the following week. On most of the weekdays he is away there will be a Service of the Word with Holy Communion at our normal weekday Mass times.

Next weekend we will welcome Fr. Patrick O'Beirne SSC of the Missionary Society of St Columban who will make the annual appeal in support of the work of his community. Fr Pat has worked in Taiwan, Beijing and Fiji. A retiring collection in response to the appeal will be taken at all Masses next weekend.

### **St Bede's Prayer Group**

The prayer group will re-commence every **Monday** during February meeting at 1pm to 2.30pm in St. Bede's Church. All are welcome.

### **St Chad's Craft Group**

We meet **every Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St Chad's Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome, no skills required.

We are a self-help group from beginners to experienced crafters who pass on their skills.

**Holy Communion at Home.** If any of our parishioners are not able to attend Mass, please let us know. It may be possible to arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home each week. Please ring Fr Mark on 01257 460154 if you would like to request Holy Communion at home.

Chorley Help the Homeless have asked for our help collecting on the following items to give to those in need of help: **razors and shaving cream, tinned meat, tinned fruit/ tinned rice pudding, biscuits, pot noodles, long life milk, sugar, coffee, shampoo, can openers.**

Donations for the food bank operating from St Mary's Brownedge, which supports people living in St Bede's Parish, are also welcome. Please leave donations **of UHT milk, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables and tinned fish and meat** in the box at the back of St Bede's church. Thank you.

**The Annual Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes**, organised by the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage Association, will take place at the Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady, Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool. L15 6YQ at 7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

**It would be great to have a few more altar servers** at our Sunday morning Masses. If you are in Year 4 or older and would like to be an altar server, please let us know. There is a form to fill in before you start and training will be provided.

### **LGBTQ+ Catholics**

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at: St Richard's, Mayfield Street, Atherton. M46 0AQ If you are attending, please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes on 0151 287 8787 or [frsmaloney@aol.com](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.com)

**This week on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, Midday-2pm,  
at St Chad's Parish Centre**

**Chorley Buddies are running their monthly social get-together** with food and entertainment for people who might not be able to get out so often these days. Please ring 01257 542367 to let them know if you would like to attend so they know how much food to cook! They can also provide information about Dial-a-Ride if you need transport to the event.

**You can also call this number if you would like more information about the events Chorley Buddies are offering including a walk-and-talk in Astley Park. Chair exercise classes, Seated Pilates, craft group, and the food club.**

**For ideas to support your child to pray at home this weekend** please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Copies of the picture to go with the gospel for Sunday are available at the back church.

### **Could you be a deacon?**

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the priestly ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised. If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please talk to your parish priest and, if you can, join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome. **Tuesday 22 February 2022 7.30-9pm** (refreshments from 7pm)  
**St Gregory's Parish House** Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW  
If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email [diaconate@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

### **Universal Synod 2023**

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on Synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Our thoughts, concerns and ideas will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phase of Synod 2020. To participate in this worldwide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions as well as submit your responses online at [www.liverpoolcatholicresource.com/synod2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresource.com/synod2023) **The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022.** For queries, please send an e-mail to: [vaticansynod@rcaol.org](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org)

### **Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners**

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Eileen Farnworth, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Tony Morris, Elizabeth Cook, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Marie Coleman, Lawrence Phillips, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Hazel Melling, Bethany Begashaw, Virginia Hayton-Weed and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Congratulations to Jane Dearden who will be confirmed at the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's this Sunday and to Jonathan Norton and Rachel Geoghegan who will be married at St Chad's next weekend.

Please also keep in your prayers Agnes Young and Patricia Johnson of St Bede's parish who have died recently, and their families.

## Masses this week

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February

6pm

St. Bede's

Ann & Alan Brown

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)**

9.15am

St. Chad's

Special Intention

11am

St. Bede's

Parishioners

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am

St. Chad's

Gill Melling (RIP)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am

St Bede's

Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

No Mass

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am

St. Chad's

Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am

St. Bede's

Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February

6pm

St. Bede's

J & P

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Six Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)**

9.15am

St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am

St. Bede's

Thanksgiving (BH)

### Holy Communion whilst in hospital.

Please contact St. Joseph's Presbytery if any of your family is admitted to  
Chorley Hospital 01257 262713.

In Preston Hospital, please inform the chaplain on 01772 522435.

In Wigan Infirmary, please inform the chaplain on 01942 822324.

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and  
[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

Masses are streamed several times each week on this page.

**E-mail:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk) or [stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk)

**Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open this week on Tuesday 10-3pm,**

**Thursday 10-3pm and Friday 10-3pm**

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie 01257 460154