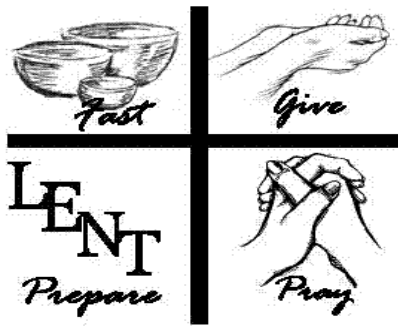




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green,
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

Third Sunday of Lent
20th March 2022

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent
at **St Chad's** at 7pm on **Wednesdays**
and at **St. Bede's Church** on **Friday** at 7pm.
Please join in this time of prayer if you can.

There will be a service of Reconciliation for our Deanery
at **St Gregory's Church**, Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3WN
at 3pm on **Sunday 3rd April**.

After a short time of prayer together several priests will be available around the church for you to make your confession and receive absolution.

It's a great way for us to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week together.

Live Simply. Before Christmas there was a lot of support for both our parishes to follow the "Live Simply" award to look at how we can live more simply, in solidarity with the poorest of our brothers and sisters at home and across the world, and how we can be good stewards of our world. **Justine Silcock from Cafod will come to meet with people from both our parishes at St Chad's Parish Centre on Monday 21st March at 7pm** to help us take the next steps. Everyone is very welcome to come along to find out more about something that could be an exciting development for our parishes over the next few years.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal

Every child should grow big and strong.

Because of our collections for support for the people of Ukraine over the past couple of weekends we missed the collection for Family Fast Day which was on Friday 11th March. We are invited this coming Friday to go without something we would normally eat or drink and offer what money we save to support the work of CAFOD to support mums around the world. Your small act of love this

Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church next weekend, 27th March, at the retiring collection. Your donation may be Gift Aided by using a CAFOD envelope available at the back of church. You can also donate through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent)

Developments at St Bede's

We were recently approached by the Archdiocese about the use of the St Bede's Presbytery as a convent for two retired Sisters. Sr Dorothy and Sr Benedict have worked for Nugent Care for many years. They are the last two members of their congregation, the Sisters of the Little Ones, working in the UK. Moving to St Bede's will allow them to be nearer to their families in their retirement. There will be some work to be done on the house before they can move in but they hope to be with us soon.

Deacon Simon Gilbertson has been ministering at St Chad's parish for some years now, leading Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral services, and assisting the parish priest in other ways. His full-time ministry is serving as a member of the Chaplaincy team across Preston and Chorley hospitals. Deacons are appointed by the Archbishop to serve in their own parish and also across the Deanery. Simon hopes to be able to serve across both our parishes now and he will be at the 11am Mass at St Bede's this weekend. We offer a warm welcome to Simon and to his wife Lisa to the parish of St Bede.



Tea and coffee will be served next weekend after the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's and after the 11am Mass at St Bede's. We hope to raise some money for the Ukraine Cafod appeal so if there are any bakers willing to bring home made cakes or biscuits to sell that would be great. Thank you.

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.

Confirmation Preparation is starting again – Final Call this weekend!

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation you can now register at Liverpoolcalled.co.uk. **Registration is open until 21st 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.

We are hoping to start "Little Church" again at St Chad's. If you would like to help our children learn more about their faith, please get in touch. You will work as part of a team and will only have to help once a month. Volunteers need to have a parish DBS check. Please let Fr Mark know if you are able to help.

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.

If any of our **Special Ministers of Holy Communion** are able to take Holy Communion to one of the Nursing homes in St Bede's parish, please let us know. Thank you.

St Chad's Choir are looking to recruit a few new members as our numbers have reduced over the past few years. If you would like to join, as a singer or musician, please make your way up the stairs at the back of church to the choir loft where you will be made very welcome.

Easter Cards to Garth and Wymott Prisons

As in previous years we have been asked to send Easter cards to prisoners at our local prisons, Garth and Wymott. There are around 270 prisoners in these prisons who attend Church services. Many of these have been disowned by their friends and families and they look forward to these tokens of Christian fellowship. Please send a religious card, write your message and sign it with your Christian name(s) only. Please do not seal the envelope(s) and return the cards to Church by Sunday 3rd April so that the prison chaplains have time to distribute them by Easter. Many thanks.

*How our **Celtic past** can help us today.*

Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7-8pm on zoom using the Café resource "Belong and Believe" during Lent. There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss the material presented with other people. **March 21- Renewed in the Holy Spirit. March 28 - Caring for God's Creation. April 4 - Evangelising with Love & Action.** You can register for the Zoom reflections on the website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development

For ideas to support your child to pray at home this weekend

please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

The pictures used on this website are usually available at the back of church.

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB

St Chad's Church. 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and
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 or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

**St Bede's Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open this week on Tuesday
10-5pm, Thursday and Friday 10-3pm**

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. Telephone 01257 460154

Masses this week

Saturday 19th March

6pm

St. Bede's

Bernadette Leeming

Sunday 20th March

Third Sunday of Lent (PW3)

9.15am

St. Chad's

Baby Grace Gillibrand (In memory)

11am

St. Bede's

Parishioners

Monday 21st March

9.15am

St. Chad's

Snape & Brindle families, & Fr Nickson

Tuesday 22nd March

9.15am

St. Bede's

Steven Moss

Wednesday 23rd March

No Mass

Thursday 24th March

9.15am

St. Chad's

Vincent Noblet

Friday 25th March

9.15am

St. Bede's

Mary O'Brien (Anniversary)

With the children of St Bede's School

Saturday 26th March

6pm

St. Bede's

Eileen Torevell (RIP) & David Oates (RIP)

Sunday 27th March

Fourth Sunday of Lent (PW4)

9.15am

St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am

St. Bede's

Fr. Michael O'Neill (RIP)

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

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

Please also keep in your prayers Agnes Young, Marie-Rose Sanderson, Gerard Blackledge and Mark Smith who have died recently.

We offer a warm welcome to George Wright who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend.