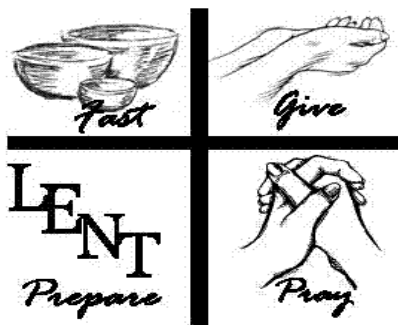




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green,
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

First Sunday of Lent

6th March 2022

Ukrainian Crisis Appeal

In partnership with The International Aid Trust and St Laurence's, SVP Chorley Buddies have agreed to try to co-ordinate a response from the Catholic Community in Chorley. We are accepting donations of the following items: clothing, footwear, bedding, toiletries, dried food (with at least 1 year's date), sleeping bags and cooking pots and pans.

From w/c Monday 7th March, SVP Chorley Buddies will be available to collect any donations from our churches to take them to St Laurence's for storage and distribution by International Aid Trust to families in Ukraine. Donations can be left at the back of our churches and we will pass them on.

Please consider joining with us. Contact us on 01257 542367

chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk

The International Aid Trust Charity shop in Market Street, Chorley, are taking financial donations which can be gift aided if desired.

'The Polish Shop' on Little Steeley Lane - opposite KINGPRINT - the printers, Chorley, are accepting donations of items which women, babies and children need. They are hoping to collect paracetamol, ibuprofen, Calpol, toothpaste and brushes, hygiene items for ladies, nappies, dried milk for babies, nappy rash creams.

Fr Marsden at St Mary's Church, Chorley, is accepting financial donations which are going directly to Bishop Komar. His diocese has been flooded with wounded soldiers. Donated monies are buying antibiotics, bandages, syringes and pain relief medications.

Prayer for Ukraine

*Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. **Amen***

Following guidance from our Bishops we are now able to collect donations to support our church at the usual time, during the offertory of the Mass. There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass for the emergency appeal to help the people of Ukraine with humanitarian assistance this weekend and next weekend. Thank you for your support.

Station of the cross.

The Station of the Cross will be prayed during Lent at St. Bede's Church on Monday at 1pm and Friday at 7pm starting on 4th March and at St Chad's at 7pm on Wednesdays starting on 9th March. Please join in this time of prayer if you can.



First Holy Communion 2022. Preparation for our First Holy Communion children this year will begin in this week 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. Please keep all our First Holy Communion children in your prayers.

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. 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.

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.

St Chad's Reading Group

We meet once a month on Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Centre. The next meeting is on 11th March. Books are provided from the County Library service and are available to borrow at each meeting. New members are very welcome.

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. We would welcome all non-perishable food stuffs and **UHT milk, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables and tinned fish and meat** in the box at the back of St Bede's church. Thank you.

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.

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.

Easter cards to the Holy Land

As in previous years we are asked to send Easter cards to St Saviours Church in Jerusalem and St James in Beit Hanina. We are encouraged to offer to our fellow-Christians in the Holy Land, our encouragement, our support and our prayers. They feel isolated and frightened. Knowing that we have not forgotten them is very important to them. Please send religious cards only and include the translation slip available at the back of the church and return the cards by Sunday 13th March. It is not necessary to contribute towards the cost, but any contributions would be gratefully accepted. We are encouraged to send more than one card as it is hoped that there will be sufficient cards to give one to each family in the parishes to take one home.

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

For children making their First Holy Communion gifts and cards are now available at the piety stall at the back of St Chad's Church. The stall will be open at each of the Masses before our preparation sessions. Proceeds from anything we sell will go to support your parish. Thank you for your support.

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.

Masses this week

Saturday 5th March

6pm

St. Bede's

Roger & Eric Haylock

Sunday 6th March

First Sunday of Lent (PW1)

9.15am

St. Chad's

Kathleen & Bernard Sweeney (In memory)

11am

St. Bede's

Bolton

Monday 7th March

11am

St Chad's

Funeral Mass for Gerard Blackledge

Tuesday 8th March

9.15am

St. Bede's

Don McManaman (RIP)

Wednesday 9th March

No Mass

Thursday 10th March

9.15am

St. Chad's

Jack & Kitty Coupe (Anniversary)

Friday 11th March

9.15am

St. Bede's

Bernard Williams (RIP)

Saturday 12th March

6pm

St. Bede's

Derek Shirtcliffe (RIP)

Sunday 13th March

Second Sunday of Lent (PW2)

9.15am

St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am

St. Bede's

Special Intentions



Reconciliation

If anyone would like to make their Confession, please let Fr Mark know on 01257 460154. We aren't able to use the confessionals at the moment but we can arrange to meet in church or outside at a time convenient to you.

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