



Parish News

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd January 2023

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are invited to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. We also focus our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark this year. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. As we join with other Christians around the world for this year's Week of Prayer, we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Prayer: *God, you are the source of our wisdom. We pray for wisdom and courage to do justice, to respond to what is wrong in the world by acting to make it right; We pray for wisdom and courage to grow in the unity of your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin in February in both our parishes. If you have a child in year 4 or above who would like to make their First Holy Communion this year who does **not** attend St Chad's or St Bede's primary schools, please get in touch and we will let you know when the preparation is starting.

Confirmation 2023. Young people in Year 8 or above are invited to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You can register on-line at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk from 16th January to 17th March. Some preparation will be on-line and some given through our Catholic High Schools. Please let us know if you sign up as we are also going to offer a bit of preparation in the parish for those who would like to take part.

Next Sunday – Annual Mission Appeal.

Next weekend we welcome Fr Michael Heap of the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) who will talk about the work of his community and ask for our support. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support this appeal.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group takes place every **Monday** at 1pm to 2.30pm **in the Presbytery**. All are welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group meets every **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Chad's Reading Group. The next meeting of the reading group is on **Friday 3rd February** from 2pm to 4pm 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.

New Volunteers are welcome for our Coffee mornings after Mass on Sundays. Please let Fr Mark know if you are willing and able to help and we will put a rota together so that our Coffee Mornings will happen regularly in the coming year in both our parishes.

The St Vincent de Paul Group at St Bede's parish have faithfully served those in need in our community for many years. Families and individuals in difficulty have been supported by the members of the group through donations from our parishioners. Over the past two or three years the number of members of the St Bede's "SVP" has fallen considerably and we are now looking for new volunteers to allow this good work to continue. If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details in the parish office and when we have a few volunteers a member of the group will be in touch. We have two volunteers so far. Just a couple more are needed.

Christmas Quiz

Thank you to everyone who entered the St Chad's Christmas Quiz. It raised £138 for our Parish. The winner was Mr. K Myerscough and the draw for second place was won by Juliet Milne. Congratulations to them.

Coffee morning at St Chad's

Coffee and tea will be served at St Chad's Parish Centre on **Sunday 29th January** following the 9.15am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Christmas poinsettias at St Bede's

You are very welcome to take the plant you donated home with you after any Mass. Please let us know if you don't wish to take your plant home. Thank you.

Christmas poinsettias at St Chad's

These can be taken from Church from Sunday 29th January by those who sponsored them if they wish to do so, or they can be left in church.

Thank you to everyone who made the family bingo afternoon in St Chad's parish centre such a great success. We raised £320 for parish funds. Thank you to those who organised the event and all those who came along to join in the fun.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Special Ministers of Holy Communion currently bringing Holy Communion to someone in their home or in a nursing home, are asked to make sure we have up to date information in our parish records. Please write down the names and contact details of anyone receiving Holy Communion in their home and hand them to Fr Mark. Thank you.

Call in for a coffee and cake.

The Community Larder will be open 9.30am to 11.30am **Monday** and **Friday** at **St. Aidan's**, 46 Station Road, Bamber Bridge. PR5 6QL.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com Tel: 07762905978

Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless. Food left at the back of St Bede's goes to the Community Larder.

Mass intentions. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation requesting that their prayer intention be remembered at a celebration of the Mass. Your donations are a big help towards meeting our parish running costs. The Mass intentions celebrated are shown each day in our newsletter. There is currently around a two month wait in both our parishes before we are able to offer a requested Mass. Please hand in your requests in good time if you are asking for a particular date. Thank you.

St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. For enquiries about our rates and conditions of use for St Bede's Parish Centre please call Aidan on 01257 271818 and for St Chad's Parish Centre please call 07719718523. If you get the answer phone, please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

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

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

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and
www.stchads-southhill.org

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

E-mail: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

St Bede's Parish Office 01772 335209

The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for all enquiries.

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. **Telephone 01257 460154**

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Masses this week.

Saturday 21st January 6pm St. Bede's Tony & Marie Morris

Sunday 22nd January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW3)

9.15am St. Chad's Barbara Walmsley

11 am	St. Bede's	Richard Shorrock
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Monday 23rd January 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word
and Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th January 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word
and Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th January 1pm St. Bede's Funeral Mass for Paul O'Sullivan

Thursday 26th January 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word
and Holy Communion

Friday 27th January 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word
and Holy Communion

Saturday 28th January 6pm St. Bede's Anna Howard

Sunday 29th January 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW4)

9.15am St. Chad's William and Ivy Smith

11 am St. Bede's Jimmy Reekie (RIP)

Congratulations to Jason Allen who will be baptized and confirmed at St Bede's this weekend.

Please keep in your prayers Paul O’Sullivan and Andrew Campbell who have died recently.

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, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Jenny Campbell, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips, Lynne Wilkinson and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.