

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

Parish News

The Baptism of the Lord
8th January 2023

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 next 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.



THIS WEEKEND

Our Christmas Family Bingo will be held in St. Chad's parish centre on **Sunday 8th January 2023 from 2.30pm until 5pm.** Even though it's now taking place after Christmas, it is never too late to eat chocolate so please come along. Family friendly fun and games everyone can join in with. Everyone is

very welcome to come along.

If you would like to come on your own, you will be made very welcome.

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.

Poinsettias at Christmas

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help us decorate our Churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. Our flower team will let us know when it's OK to take your plant home.

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.

Little Church at St Chad's. Can our volunteers please stay behind in church after Mass for a few minutes next Sunday. We will have a short meeting to plan the restart of Little Church in February. Thank you.

ALPHA Course

The Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Sessions start on Thursday 19th January, at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, starting at 7pm. To register please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Chorley Catholic Community Alpha' or call 01257 542324 for more information and to register. **There are lots of leaflets at the back of church for you to take and pass on to someone who might be interested in joining the group. Thanks for your help.**

Altar servers. Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved. Thank you.



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. Thank you.

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.

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.

Each week every parish priest must offer Mass for the parishioners in his care. You will see this when the intention in the newsletter shows "Parishioners". We also honour our Foundation Masses each year. These were requested, sometimes many years ago, with a sum of money invested to pay for a Mass intention to be offered annually. When a Funeral Mass is celebrated or if the parish priest is away this will further delay our being able to offer Mass for the donors' intentions. Your patience and understanding are requested if we are not able to offer a Mass intention as quickly as you might have hoped.

If you would like to request that your prayers be remembered at the offering of the Mass, you can use one of the envelopes at the back of church. You can hand in your request to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery. If you are part of our parish Gift Aid Scheme, we can claim back the Gift Aid on your donation if you write your Gift Aid envelope number on the Mass Intention request. Thank you.

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.

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 and Friday for all enquiries.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Masses this week

Saturday 7th January 6pm St. Bede's Larkin family

Sunday 8th January **Baptism of the Lord**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11 am St. Bede's Alan Blackburn

Monday 9th January 10.30am St. Chad's **Funeral Mass for
Geoff Lowe**

Tuesday 10th January 9.15am St. Bede's Thanksgiving

Wednesday 11th January **No Mass**

Thursday 12th January 9.15am St. Chad's Rita Raby (RIP)

Friday 13th January 9.15am St. Bede's Derrick Poulson

Saturday 14th January 6pm St. Bede's Fletcher and Moss families

Sunday 15th January **2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am St. Chad's Mary & George Hilton

11 am St. Bede's Alice, Daniel & Alphonsus Reilly

Please keep in your prayers David Johnston, Elizabeth Rourke, Geoff Lowe
and Neil Adams 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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick are
always available in our parishes.** Please let Fr Mark know you would like to
make your confession or to be anointed and he can arrange to meet you at
St Chad's or at St Bede's or visit you in your home.