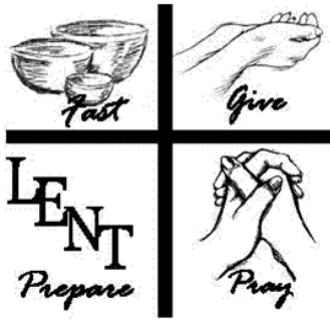




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

3rd Sunday of Lent
12th March 2023

The Stations of the Cross

will be prayed in both our churches during
Lent.

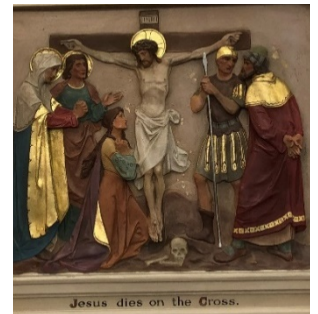
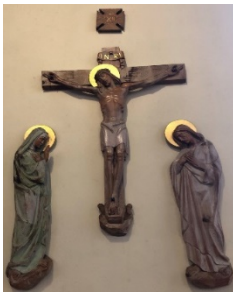
Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm

Thursdays at St Chad's at 7pm

Fridays at St Bede's at 7pm

Everyone is very welcome to join us for

these times of prayer helping us to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week
and Easter.



Confessions will be heard during and after

the Stations of the Cross in the sacristy

at St Bede's on Friday 24th and 31st March

and at St Chad's on Thursday 23rd and 30th March.

***If you wish to make your confession at another time
please let Fr Mark know and we can arrange to meet
at either Church.***

Please keep in your prayers the children of our primary schools who this
week will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time: at St
Chad's on Wednesday at 6.30pm and at St Bede's on Thursday at 6.30pm.

Deanery Service of Reconciliation

There will be a short time of prayer followed by an opportunity to make your
confession to one of the priests present and celebrate the Sacrament of
Reconciliation at **St Gregory's Church, Weldbank Lane. PR7 3NW.**
at 3pm on Sunday 26th March.

Parish Family Bingo
at St Chad's Parish centre
on Sunday 12th March, 1pm to 4.30pm.
Fun for all ages.



Admission is free by ticket only but a
charge will be made for bingo tickets on the day. Tickets will be available
from St Chad's church from Sunday 26th February. Everyone is very welcome
to join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Cards to the Garth and Wymott Prisons

As in previous years we are asked to send Easter cards to prisoners at our local prisons, Garth and Wymott. There are (approximately) 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 26th March so that the prison chaplains have time to distribute them by Easter. Many thanks.

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 **until 17th March**. Some preparation will be on-line and some given through our Catholic High Schools. Please let us know if you sign up to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as we are also going to offer a bit of preparation in the parish for those who would like to take part. If you know anyone in your family who is currently in year 8 of high-school, please let them know that registration is now open.

If there are any adults who missed out on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation when they were younger who would like to be confirmed now, please talk to Fr Mark. We hope to be able to offer the sacrament of Confirmation to adults later this year. Thank you.

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 31st March** 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.

Missio (Red Box) Spring Newsletters can be collected from St. Bede's porch. They are in envelopes with red box holder's names. It is not necessary to bring boxes in to be emptied at this time, unless you feel that the box is full. Many thanks for all your support.

Nugent Appel

On **Sunday 19th March** our retiring collection is to support Nugent, our Archdiocesan caring service. Inspired by Fr. James Nugent, Nugent offers services for children, families, communities, those with disabilities and older people. It is a lifelong caring service. We pray in hope that the most vulnerable members of our society will be supported and cared for, so that all needs are met. Thank you in advance for your support.

New Altar Servers Welcome

It would be great to have a few more girls and boys to help with our team of altar servers at our weekend Masses. It is a great way to learn more about our faith and help our parish. Any children in Year 4 or older who would like to get involved are asked to speak to Fr Mark. Children preparing for Holy Communion are welcome to join our team. Thank you to the young people who have already joined our servers teams. Your help is much appreciated.



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. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

We recently heard that distribution of the Precious Blood will be restored, for those who wish to receive from the chalice, from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on 6th April. We need to know which of our Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to help at weekend Masses. If you are a commissioned minister of Holy Communion, please talk to Fr Mark this week and let him know if you are able to put your name of a rota for weekend Masses. Thank you.

Have you ever wanted to give Bowling A Try?

Our green can be found at the rear of St. Chad's Parish Centre, off Town lane. St. Chad's Bowling Club have 3 teams which play each Monday night, Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon (alternating weekly, home & away). They welcome new members both experienced and beginners (coaching can be given). If you want to give bowling a try but do not have a set of bowls, then ring Catherine Ainscough on 07719110883 to arrange a session. It's a great way to spend a few hours in the fresh air and make new friends.

In 2013 Browndedge Christians Together Food Bank opened at Browndedge St. Mary's Church. 10 years later we are still helping vulnerable families with food support from the Larder at the rear of St. Aidan's Church. To thank you for your help during this time we would like you to join us at the **LARDER at 10-30am on Monday 13th March 2023** for a small celebration to mark our 10th Anniversary.

RSVP Tel: **07762905978** or email: **christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com**

Masses this week.

Saturday 11th March 6pm St. Bede's Marie Rose Sanderson

Sunday 12th March **Third Sunday of Lent (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11 am St. Bede's John Simpson (RIP)

Monday 13th March 9.15am St. Chad's John Hardman

Tuesday 14th March 9.15am St. Bede's Parishioners

Wednesday 15th March **No Mass**

Thursday 16th March 9.15am St. Chad's Maureen Hughes

Friday 17th March 9.15am St. Bede's Atherton Family

Saturday 18th March 6pm St. Bede's Parishioners

Sunday 19th March **Fourth Sunday of Lent (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's David Waldemar Szwanke

11 am St. Bede's Anna Howard (RIP)

Parish Office 01772 335209

**The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 3pm
for all enquiries.**

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. Telephone 01257 460154

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, 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, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips, Lynne Wilkinson and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

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

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

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www.stchads-southhill.org

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