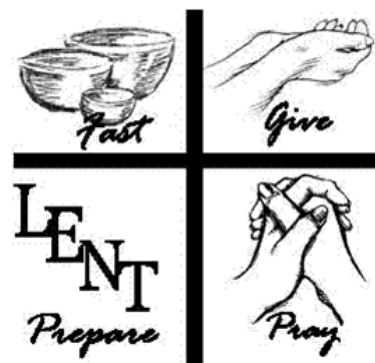


Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

4th Sunday of Lent
19th March 2023



Nugent Appel

This **Sunday** 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.

The Stations of the Cross

will be prayed in both our churches during
Lent.

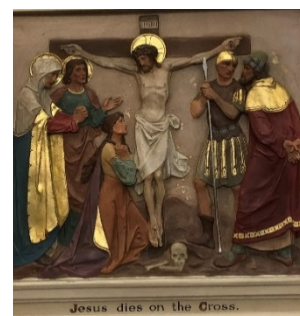
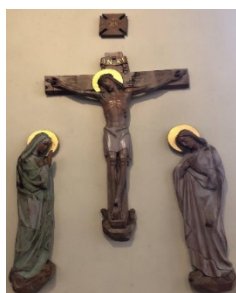
Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm

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 Chad's on Thursday 23rd and 30th March

and at St Bede's on Friday 24th and 31st 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. There are leaflets at the back of both
churches which might be a help when preparing to make your confession.*

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.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Family Bingo at St. Chad's Parish Centre last Sunday and to all the volunteers who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable. **Thanks to your generosity the total raised was £285.**

Easter cards to the Holy Land

As in previous years we have been 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 2nd April. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 on a rota for people to distribute the chalice at 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.

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.

Masses this week.

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)

Monday 20th March **Feast of St Joseph**

9.15am St. Chad's Tony Brown (RIP)

Tuesday 21st March 9.15am St. Bede's Parishioners

Wednesday 22nd March **No Mass**

Thursday 23rd March 9.15am St. Chad's Geoff Lowe (RIP)

Friday 24th March 9.15am St. Bede's Father Michael O'Neill

Saturday 25th March 6pm St. Bede's Anna Howard (RIP)

Sunday 26th March **Fifth Sunday of Lent (PW1)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11 am St. Bede's Mary O'Brien

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.

Parish Office 01772 335209

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

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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

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

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