

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

Parish News

2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
16th April 2023



Dear friends,

I'm writing this message to say a big thank you to everyone who played a part in helping at our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter – our singers and musicians, altar servers, readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, those who prepared our churches so beautifully, and those who attended and supported us with their prayers and many other helpers. A lot of work also went in to preparing our Easter Egg hunts which many families took part in on Easter morning. Thank you to you all.

We all have a role to play in building up the community of prayer and service in our parish. I'm aware that some of our volunteers have to carry out several roles in the parish and it is not always easy to find new helpers when people have to step down due to changing circumstances. Please pray that we will always have the generous helpers we need to keep the many ministries in our parish going for many years to come.

Thank you for the kind words and cards (and chocolate!) that I received last week. I very much appreciate all your kindness and support.

May the joy of Easter and the presence of the Risen Lord at our side be a blessing for us all throughout the year.

With my prayers for you and your family,

God bless, Fr Mark

The distribution of the Precious Blood has now been restored, for those who wish to receive from the chalice.

We have been asked to remind our parishioners that it is **not permitted** in the Catholic Church in England and Wales to receive the Precious Blood by “intinction”, that is by dipping the Host into the chalice. We ask you to respect this rule in our churches.

We have lost a few of our Special Ministers of Holy Communion over the past few years and need more volunteers to come forward to help so we may not be able to distribute the Precious from the chalice at every Mass yet.



If you attend Mass each week in our parishes and would like to volunteer as a Special Minister of Holy Communion please talk to Fr Mark. This role requires a DBS check and volunteers are asked to attend a meeting for training before they are commissioned to exercise their ministry at celebrations of the Eucharist. We will offer a training afternoon for new Ministers and for our current Ministers who want a “refresher” when we know how many new volunteers we have. Please give becoming part of this important ministry some consideration and talk to Fr Mark after Mass or on 01257 460154 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions. Thank you.

It would also be great to have some new volunteers for reading at Mass. If you would like to volunteer to read at Mass, please let us know. A few new voices would be very welcome.

We are also always happy to welcome new helpers for cleaning our Churches and arranging flowers. Our church cleaners meet on Wednesday mornings at St Chad's and on Thursday mornings at St Bede's. Please let us know if you would like to get involved. Thank you.

CAFOD Walk. Mary Haylock would like to send a **massive thank you** to all the parishioners who donated a grand total of £565 for her CAFOD walk. Mary completed 151 miles. Well done, Mary!

We have received a letter of thanks from Fr. Celestine who is the priest chaplain at Wymott and Garth prisons. He would like to send his appreciation for your constant support to both prisons, Wymott and Garth, and for the many Easter cards he was able to distribute on Easter Sunday. Fr Celestine prays that God may continue to bless all the parishioners of St Chad's and St Bede's for their support.

St. Chad's Easter raffle and sale of Easter chicks and lambs raised £144 for Church funds. Thank you to all who bought tickets or chicks and a big thank you to the members of our craft group for knitting all the chicks and lambs.

The Feast of Divine Mercy. Sunday 16th April 2022 at Sacred Heart, Brooke St. Chorley. Arrivals from 2.30pm. Commencing with prayer at 3pm, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Confessions, Rosary followed by Holy Mass. All are welcome.

SVP Chorley Buddies are taking over **the running of Clayton Food Club** at Clayton Brook Village Hall, Clayton Brook, Clayton-le-Woods, Bamber Bridge. PR5 8HL, commencing on **Friday 5th May**. They will be running the club in a very different way and need more volunteers to help. Please get in touch by email to chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk or call 01257 542324 if you would like to know more about supporting this new venture. Thank you.

First Holy Communion preparation will start again on Thursday 27th April at 6.30pm at St Bede's and on Sunday 30th April at St Chad's after the 9.15am Mass. Both meetings will be held in church. Please keep all our First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers over the next few final weeks of preparation.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will meet every Monday at 1pm in St Bede's Church, starting on **Monday 15th May**. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join us in prayer.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 18th April** 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 28th April** 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.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 15 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving
Sunday 16 th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Francis Billington	
11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention	
Monday 17 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (FJH)
Tuesday 18 th April	9.15am	St Bede's	Eva & Mike Farrell
Wednesday 19 th April	No Mass		
Thursday 20 th April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alan Clayton (RIP)
Friday 21 st April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Coop family
Saturday 22 nd April	6pm	St. Bede's	Poulsom family
Sunday 23 rd April	3rd Sunday of Easter (PW3)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners	
11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners	

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, Joyce Campbell and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Congratulations to Robyn Hopkins who will be baptised at St. Bede's this weekend and **please keep in your prayers** Paul Karkowszka and Alan Clayton who have died recently.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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

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