



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

# Parish News

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**First Holy Communion preparation** will start again on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at St Bede's and on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

*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" on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 3-5pm at St Bede's. I hope it's OK to run one afternoon for both our parishes. 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 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.

**Confirmation** for the young people of our parishes will take place at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers.

If any adults would like to be confirmed please let us know. Bishop Tom Neylon will be visiting our parishes in the coming months and is happy to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation while he is with us.

**St Bede's Prayer Group.** The prayer group will meet every Monday at 1pm in **St Bede's Presbytery**, starting on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, is the **annual day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life**. There will be a retiring collection to support the training men for ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk) or call 01257 542324 if you would like to know more about supporting this new venture. Thank you.

**Tea and coffee will be served** after the 9.15am Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Chad's Parish Centre. Anyone wishing to join the team to help with these events would be very welcome. Please speak to Fr. Mark if you would like to get involved. 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. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.



### **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.



### **Lourdes 2023**

If you or a member of your family would like to travel to Lourdes as an “assisted pilgrim” with the Archdiocesan pilgrimage this July, please contact Debbie at our Lourdes office or have a chat with Fr Mark. There are places available for pilgrims who require medical or other assistance both to travel and while staying in Lourdes. Our team of doctors, nurses and other volunteers will be on hand

to help all through the pilgrimage. Talk to Debbie in our Lourdes office on [07484911623](tel:07484911623) and she will be able to answer any questions you may have. For assisted pilgrims who stay in the “St Frai” with our medical team there is some financial help available from the parish. Please talk to Fr Mark if some help might enable you to travel to Lourdes.

Pilgrims not requiring medical assistance or personal care who would like to join our pilgrimage are asked to contact [Joe Walsh tours on freephone 0800 1890 468](tel:08001890468). [Website: joewalstours.co.uk](http://www.joewalstours.co.uk)

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

**Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson**

**Parish Office 01772 335209**

**The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am until 3pm for any enquiries.**

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

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

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and  
[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for “Parishes of St Chad and St Bede”

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## Masses and Services this week

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 6pm St. Bede's Poulson family

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am St. Chad's Berry & Eccles families

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am St Bede's Paul Karkoszka

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April No Mass

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am St. Chad's Special Intention

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am St. Bede's Parishioners

*With children from St Bede's school*

11am St. Chad's Requiem Mass for Paul Karkoszka

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 6pm St. Bede's Angelo Gandolfo (RIP)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (PW4 )**

9.15am St. Chad's Baby Grace Gillibrand

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

### **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.

**Please keep in your prayers,** Paul Karkoszka, Alan Clayton, Fr Vincent McShane and Fr Michael O'Dowd who have died recently.

Fr Mark and Deacon Simon are on a Diocesan retreat this weekend. They will remember you all in their prayers. Thank you to Fr Graeme Dunne, Fr Francis Ball and Fr Raphael Jones who will celebrate our Masses this weekend in addition to their other parish commitments. We are very grateful for their generosity.