



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

Parish News

4th Sunday of Easter

30th April 2023

This Sunday, 30th 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 of our students for ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please remember to pray this weekend for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the Religious Life.

Loving and merciful God, You call us into being and commission us all to the service of your people. We pray that our lives might make a difference and that our service might give you praise. Strengthen us, we pray, to be instruments of peace and justice in our Church and in our world. May the desire to make a difference inspire many to lives of ministry as lay ministers, sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests.

We ask this in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Holy Communion preparation is on Thursday 4th May at 6.30pm at St Bede's and on Sunday 7th May 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.

Confirmation for the young people of our parishes will take place at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane, on Friday 12th 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.

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.

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 21st 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 if you have any questions. Thank you.

St Bede’s Prayer Group. The prayer group will meet every Monday at 1pm in St Bede’s Presbytery, 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.

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.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 9.15am Mass on 30th April and 14th 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](http://joewalshtours.co.uk). Website: joewalshtours.co.uk

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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**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 and
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 29th April 6pm St. Bede's Angelo Gandolfo (RIP)

Sunday 30th April **4th Sunday of Easter (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's Baby Grace Gillibrand

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

Monday 1st May 10am St. Chad's Leigh, Marks &
Nickson families

Tuesday 2nd May 9.15am St Bede's Donor

Wednesday 3rd May No Mass

Thursday 4th May 9.15am St. Chad's Special Intention (CR)

Friday 5th May 9.15am St. Bede's Elise & Bill Hughes

With children from St Bede's school

Saturday 6th May 6pm St. Bede's Healing Peace

Sunday 7th May **5th Sunday of Easter (PW1)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Dominic McCrudden

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 Eva Phillips who will be baptised at St. Chad's this weekend.

Please keep in your prayers Paul Karkoszka and Karen Veronica Slavin who have died recently.