



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

Parish News

7th Sunday of Easter

21st May 2023

Between the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and the Feast of Pentecost we imitate the first disciples of Our Lord in praying for a fresh outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon our Church, our parish and on us. The Holy Spirit is already in our hearts but we can all be still more willing instruments of God's love in the world. **You might like to make this prayer each day through the coming week.**

*Come Holy Spirit,
and fill my heart with wisdom, love and courage.
Make me more like Christ in my words and my actions.
Bless the work of your Church and renew us all in the desire
to make Christ known and loved in the world today.
Bless the work of our parish and guide all that we do
so that we can be a place that reveals the loving mercy of Jesus:
a place of welcome for all who are seeking you.
Move the hearts of all people to seek peace and justice
so that all your children may live in freedom and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Congratulations to all the children of our parishes who have now made their First Holy Communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If there are any adults who would like to know more about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or about receiving Holy Communion at Mass, please get in touch with Fr Mark who would be very happy to talk it through with you.



This weekend we will offer a training afternoon for new Special Ministers of Holy Communion and for our current Ministers who want a "refresher". **Sunday 21st May, 3-5pm at St Bede's. Please let Fr Mark know if you will be attending this event.** We need to know numbers attending for refreshments and photocopying. Thank you.

On Sunday, 21st May, the Church keeps **World Communications Day**. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support the Church's work of sharing the Gospel through all the different forms of communication that people use today.

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.



Thursday 25th May is the Feast of St Bede.

There will be Mass with the children from St Bede's school at **2pm on Thursday afternoon**. Everyone is very welcome to attend to celebrate our Patron and ask for his intercession for our parish.

Celebrating Mary, Our Mother and our Queen

You are warmly invited to join with the children of St Chad's school in honouring Mary to whom the month of May is dedicated. The service will include the crowning of the statue of Our Lady. Join us if you can at **2pm in St Chad's Church on Monday, 22nd May**.



Tea and coffee will be served after the 11am Mass on **21st May in St. Bede's Parish Centre**.

We do need a few more volunteers to help set up, serve and tidy away at our Sunday morning refreshments. Please speak to Fr.

Mark if you would like to get involved in helping with tea and coffee after our Sunday morning Masses. Cakes to serve or to sell are always very welcome too!



New Altar Servers Welcome

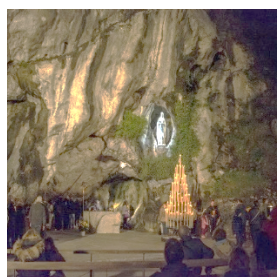
It would be great to have a few more girls and boys to help with our team of altar servers at our weekend Masses. It is a great way to learn more about our faith and help our parish. Any children in Year 4 or older who would like to get involved are asked to speak to Fr Mark. Children who have recently made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to join our team.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will meet every Monday at 1pm in St Bede's Presbytery. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join us in prayer.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **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 26th May** 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.

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.



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 on [07484911623](tel:07484911623) or have a chat with Fr Mark. There are places available for pilgrims who require medical or other assistance. **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:** joewalshtours.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 and www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk **or to Fr Mark privately** m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 20th May 11am St Chad's *First Holy Communion Mass*
6pm St. Bede's Alan Ainscough

Sunday 21st May **7th Sunday of Easter (PW3)**
9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners
11am St. Bede's Anna Howard

Monday 22nd May 9.15am St. Chad's Moulding & Whittle Families

2pm St Chad's - Service in Honour of Our Lady with the children of St Chad's School.

Tuesday 23rd May 9.15am St Bede's Wyn & John Barber

Wednesday 24th May No Mass

Thursday 25th May **Feast of St Bede**
9.15am St. Chad's Peter Turner (RIP)

2pm St. Bede's - Mass in honour of St Bede with the children of St Bede's School.

Friday 26th May 9.15am St. Bede's John Nickson

Saturday 27th May 6pm St. Bede's John Mountford

Sunday 28th May **Pentecost Sunday (PW4)**
9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners
11am St. Bede's G. Myerscough



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