



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

Parish News

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

14th January 2024

**Christian Churches keep the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
from 18th to 25th January.**

The theme of the week this year is ***“You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.”*** If you search for “Churches Together Week of prayer for Christian Unity” on a computer you will find prayers and readings for each day of the Week of Prayer. Or you might say this prayer each day of the Week of Prayer: *God of love, Who writes love in our hearts, instil in us the courage to look beyond ourselves and see the neighbour in those different from ourselves, that we may truly follow Jesus Christ, our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Learning about our Catholic Faith

We will be starting a group in the New Year at St Bede’s for anyone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic, getting Confirmed as an adult, or coming back to Mass after some time away. Please talk to Fr Mark or Sr Dorothy if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Thank you.

Our First Holy Communion preparation will begin in February for children in Year 4 and above. If your child does not attend St Bede’s or St Chad’s Primary Schools and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please let us **know** and we can let you know when the classes will begin.

If anyone is interested in joining our team of catechists at St Chad’s please talk to Fr Mark who can let you know what it involves.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Any young person in Year 8 or older who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year is asked to register by visiting the website www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. The deadline to register is 18th March. When you register you will be contacted about preparation in our Deanery and the date and place of the Confirmation Celebration. If you would like to know more about what’s involved, please contact Fr Mark. Thank you.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad’s Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the **St Bede's SVP** group. We will meet again this week in **St Bede's Presbytery on Thursday 18th January at 7pm**. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to know more about joining the group.

Bicentenary Celebrations at St Bede's. A note for your diary.

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark 200 years of St Bede's Church on 9th June at 11am. We hope many of our parishioners, past and present will be able to attend and stay for the celebration in the church grounds afterwards.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on the 15th January in St Bede's Presbytery at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet 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 **Monday 5th February** 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 hold two socials each month. On the 2nd Wednesday at St. Chad's Parish Centre and on the 4th Wednesday at St. Mary's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm. A hot lunch & an activity or entertainment are provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book. If you are feeling lonely or isolated, please get in touch. The next dates are 24th Jan at St. Mary's. 14th Feb at St. Chad's.

Weekly offerings to the parish

Thank you for all the support you are able to give to keep our parishes going, especially with the increase in costs that we have all had to face in the past year. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider making your weekly offering to the parish through Gift Aid. The parish will receive an additional 25% from the government for any money donated using the Gift Aid scheme. Please contact the parish office or let Fr Mark know you would like to Gift Aid your offering and he can let you have a form and a set of Gift Aid envelopes. Other donations to the parish such as Mass offerings, flower donations etc can also be given through Gift Aid. Many of our parishioners donate weekly or monthly to the parish through a Standing Order with their bank. If you would like to do this please let us know and we can let you have a Standing Order form. 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.

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Warm Space. The Second Monday of each month **10.00-11.30am** at 239a Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods, PR6 7PY (behind Whittle Surgery). Come along to meet people from the community, play games, jigsaws, read a book and enjoy a brew and a biscuit.

Metanoia Project's Homeless Drop-In runs weekly inside St Wilfrid's Church, Preston. We provide clothing, toiletries, warm drinks and biscuits, welcoming all those who come in a way they each have an experience of Jesus. We regularly give out these items and would be very grateful if you were able to donate. Socks and new underwear, men's trainers (especially size 8 & 9), rucksacks, sleeping bags, shower gel and deodorant, T-shirts and polo shirts, men's jeans (especially Size 30-36), men's hoodies, thermal long sleeve t-shirts, tracksuit bottoms, tops and coats. If you have any items you wish to donate but can't get to church or if you feel God is calling you to serve, please ring Jen on 07957566741 or email on jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk. Thank you.

Other donations can be left at the back of our churches too. Food and toiletry donations at St Bede's support the Food Bank at St Aidan's, Bamber Bridge and at St Chad's support Chorley Help the Homeless.

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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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The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week for all enquiries.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 13 th January	6pm	St Bede's	George & Elizabeth Hills
Sunday 14 th January	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW3)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Mary Hilton	
11am	St. Bede's	Florence, William and John Nickson	
Monday 15 th January	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (WE)
Tuesday 16 th January	9.15am	St. Bede's	Francisca Mortin (RIP) & Halpin family
Wednesday 17 th January	No Mass		
Thursday 18 th January	9.15am	St Chad's	Special Intention
With the children of St Chad's School			
Friday 19 th January	9.15am	St Bede's	Parishioners
Saturday 20 th January	6pm	St Bede's	Alan Ainscough (RIP)
Sunday 21 st January	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW4)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Barbara Walmsley	
11am	St. Bede's	Damian Fay	

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, Sandra Farrel, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, Richard Shorrocks and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Copies of the letter from our Dean concerning our new Families of Parishes are available for people to take at the back of Church. In the coming years our parishes will try and work more closely together with the parishes of St Joseph Harpers Lane, St Joseph Withnell and St Joseph Hoghton.

Confessions are heard in the confessional in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request.

