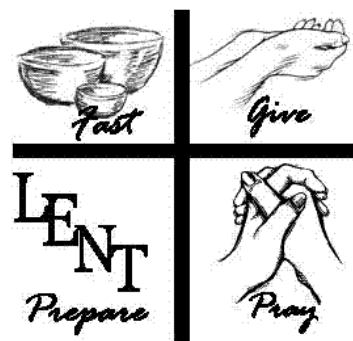


Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

5th Sunday of Lent

17th March 2024



St Chad and St Bede Family Bingo Afternoons this weekend.
This Sunday in St Bede's School Hall you are invited to a St Patrick's Day Family Bingo. 2pm-4pm. Admission is free. Books of tickets will be available to buy at the door starting at £1 a book. Proceeds will go towards the Bicentenary celebrations later in the year.

This Sunday in St Chad's Parish Centre you are invited to an Easter Family Bingo. 2pm -4pm. Proceeds will go to support our parish funds. Free entry tickets will be available from Church and school from Sunday 3rd March or turn up on the day.

There will be a **Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation this week** at St Gregory's, Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW on **Tuesday 19th March at 7:00pm**. Following a short time of prayer together priests from our Deanery will be available for you to make your confession and receive absolution.



Sacrament of the Sick. After the Mass on **Sunday 17th March at St Chad's** if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick please remain in Church after Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick is for anyone who needs healing of mind or body, those undergoing medical treatment, or support with the aches and pains of getting older. Please mention this to friends or family members who might like to attend. Thank you.

Easter Raffles. Both our parishes are holding a prize Easter Raffle in the coming weeks to raise money to support parish funds. Tickets are now on sale at the back of our churches. Please make sure your contact details are on the ticket stub so that we can contact the lucky winners. £100 first prize and two runner up prizes of £25 each.

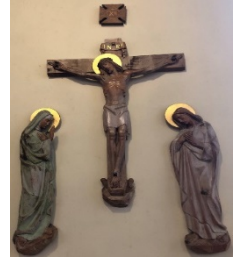


The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in both our churches during Lent.

Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm.

Thursdays at St Chad's at 7pm

Fridays at St Bede's at 7pm



Everyone is very welcome to join us for these times of prayer helping us to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Our Altar Servers trip will take place on Saturday 23rd March. Please gather at Escape Entertainment Venue, Market Walk, Chorley. PR7 1DF at 1.45pm. Children should be collected at 3.30pm. If you require a lift to the event please gather at St Bede's Presbytery at 1.30pm. Thank you.

The next meeting of the St Bede's Bicentenary Group / Social Group will be after Easter. New volunteers are very welcome to come along. To keep our group going into the future we have decided to rename it the "St Bede's Parish Social Group". We hope to organise lots of parish events in the years to come.

St Bede's Bicentenary celebrations update. Our group have been working hard putting together events to mark 200 years of St Bede's Parish. **Dates for your diary include:**

13th – 15th May, **40 Hours of Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekend of 8th and 9th June **Bicentenary celebration weekend.** A social evening in the garden after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 8th June and a Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Malcolm at 11am on Sunday 9th June followed by a parish garden party.

Tuesday 30th July, **Day of Prayer at Hyning Hall Monastery**, Carnforth.

Our group of volunteers who keep the Parish Centre at St Chad's are planning to organise more parish events in the coming month. They will now be called the "St Chad's Parish Social Group" to better reflect their work. If you would like to be a part of this group please talk to Fr Mark who can tell you what's involved.



A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped to give a thorough spring clean to our parish halls last week. They did a great job. We depend on parishioners generously giving their time and sharing their skills to keep our halls open. Our thanks go to them all for the hard work they do.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. A collection for the SVP will be taken after weekend Masses on 16th – 17th March at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

To help with the expenses for St Bede's Bicentenary celebrations, we invite you, if you can, to participate in a **£1 bin draw**. Please write your full name and contact number on the small envelope provided, put your £1 within, and seal and deposit this in the bin at the back of St. Bede's church. The winner will receive 50% of takings and 50% will go towards our celebrations later in the year. **The draw will take place on Easter Sunday.**

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 Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will take a break until after Easter.

St Chad's Reading Group The next meeting of the reading group is on **Monday 8th 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.

Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

When distributing Holy Communion during Mass please take a small hand sanitiser from the back of church and sanitise your hands before coming forward to the sanctuary. Please return your sanitiser to the back of church after Mass. Don't worry if you forget but this might make things a little simpler at the altar. Thank you.

Sands are a still birth and neonatal death society, who support bereaved families. They are running a day of homemade teacakes, cinnamon buns, toast, tea, coffee in the morning and cream tea served in the afternoon. All donations will be appreciated. Children can go in after school for a free cake too. **The event will be in St. Chad's Parish Centre on Friday 22nd March from 8.30am till 4pm.**

Easter Cards to Garth and Wymott Prisons

As in previous years we are asked to send Easter cards to prisoners at our local prisons, Garth and Wymott. There are (approximately) 270 prisoners in these prisons who attend Church services. Many of these have been disowned by their friends and families and they look forward to these tokens of Christian fellowship. Please send a religious card, write your message, and sign it with your Christian name(s) only. Please do not seal the envelope(s) and return the cards to Church by Sunday 17th March so that the prison chaplains have time to distribute them by Easter. Many thanks.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Deadline for Registration this week.

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.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact:

Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257

Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

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 27th March at St. Mary's. 10th April at St. Chad's.

Congratulations to the young people of St Chad's school who made their First Reconciliation this week. At 6.30pm on Thursday 21st March it's the turn of children from St Bede's parish. Our thanks go to our teams of catechists who have helped them to be so well prepared for this important celebration of God's mercy. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

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 Thursday Group will meet beginning on 7th March for over 60's to be held in St Bede's Parish Hall between 12.45 and 3.15 each Thursday. It costs £3 per week and we play games and have tea, coffee and biscuits. We also arrange trips out for afternoon tea, visits to garden centres and theatres and in December we arrange a trip out for a meal which includes entertainment. The club contributes to some of the cost of these trips. Please come along.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Starts on 7th March 2024 every Thursdays 11-12am, in St. Bede's Parish Hall. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986

St Chad's Primary School 200 Club subscription renewals are now being collected for the next 12 months (March 2024 to February 2025). Subscriptions are £15.00 per year and there are three prizes totalling £100 offered each month (£50, £30 and £20). The draw takes place in school at the end of each month. Thank you.

SVP Chorley Buddies have opened up Buddies Cafe running out of Buttermere Community Centre (Buttermere Ave, Chorley PR7 2JG) every Wednesday. It is a Community Cafe that is open to all, charging low prices to encourage all to come along. Please can you share this news with your friends and family? We are hoping to start a toddler group in the future during the cafe, and we also run a craft club at 12.30-2pm during the cafe.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to request that a Mass be offered for a particular person or another intention please write the name of the person or intention to be remembered at Mass on an envelope with your donation and hand it in to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery. Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of church. If you have a parish Gift Aid number please write this on the envelope and we can claim the Gift Aid on your donation. Thank you.

Holy Week Services 2024



Thursday 28th March Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at St. Chad's

Friday 29th March Good Friday

Service of the Lord's Passion

3pm at both St. Bede's and at St. Chad's

Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil 8pm at
St. Bede's

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

Mass of Easter Day

9.15am St. Chad's 11am St. Bede's



Both Masses on Easter Sunday morning will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt around the church grounds for our younger parishioners.

We welcome Tommy Wilkinson who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend. Please keep Tommy and his family in your prayers.

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.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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01772 335209

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

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and
www.stchads-southhill.org

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or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 16 th March	6pm	St Bede's	Tom Fay
Sunday 17 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Peter Turner (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Marie Rose-Sanderson & Douglas Rose
Monday 18 th March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Sara Josphine Holden
	1pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 19 th March	9.15am	St. Bede's	Derrick Poulson (RIP)
Wednesday 20 th March	No Mass		
Thursday 21 st March	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pat Eastham (RIP)
	With the children from St. Chad's School		
	7pm	St Chad's	Stations of the Cross
Friday 22 nd March	9.15am	St Bede's	Parishioners
	With the children from St. Bede's School		
	7pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23 rd March	6pm	St Bede's	Damian Fay
Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Mary O'Brien

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, 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, and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.