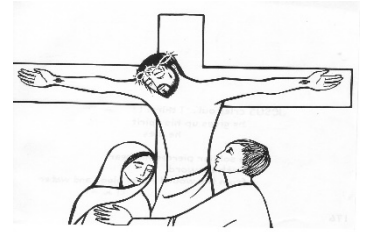


Parishes of St Bede,
Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill
Parish News



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
24th March 2024**

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

St Chad's Family Bingo made £165 for parish funds.

St Bede's St Patrick's Day Bingo made £198.50 for the Bicentenary celebrations.

Thank you to our organisers and to everyone who was able to come along.
A lot of fun was had by everyone who took part.



Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7th April** and in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 7th April.**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

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 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:**

22nd – 24th 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 going for us are planning to organise more parish events in the coming months. 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.

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 finish for Holy Week and will start up again **Tuesday 9th April.**

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will take a break until after Easter and will start up again **Monday 15th April.**

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

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.

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.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet for the over 60's in St Bede's Parish Hall between 12.45 and 3.00 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. Every Thursdays 11-12am (**apart from the 4th April, cancelled for Easter**) in St. Bede's Parish Hall. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986.

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.

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. **No confessions on Holy Saturday next week.**

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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01772 335209

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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"

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

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 23rd March 6pm St Bede's Damian Fay

Sunday 24th March **Palm Sunday (PW2)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Mary O'Brien

Monday 25th March 9.15am St. Chad's Vincent Noblet

Tuesday 26th March 9.15am St. Bede's Eileen Torevell & David Oates

Wednesday 27th March 3.30pm St Chad's **Funeral Mass for Michael Eccles**

Thursday Morning 28th March

9.30am St Bede's School Holy Week Service



Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm At St. Chad's Patrick Matthews

Friday 29th March

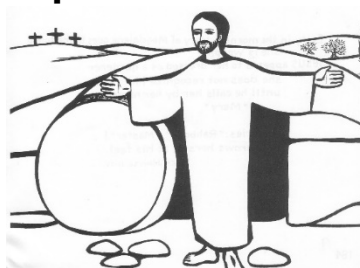
Good Friday - Service of the Lord's Passion

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

Saturday 30th March

Easter Vigil

8pm at St. Bede's Fr. Michael O'Neill (RIP)



Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday (PW1)

9.15am St. Chad's

Parishioners

11am St. Bede's

Parishioners



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

Please keep in your prayers Michael Eccles of St. Chad's parish who died recently and his family. **May he rest in peace.**

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.