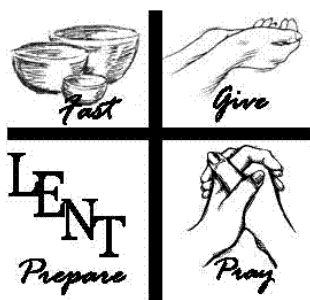




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

3rd Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024

Sacrament of the Sick. After both Masses on the weekend of 9th – 10th March at St Bede's and 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.

Nugent Appel

Next weekend, **Sunday 10th March** our retiring collection after all Masses is to support Nugent, our Archdiocesan caring service. We pray in hope that the most vulnerable members of our society will be supported and cared for, so that all needs are met. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

Altar Servers. Our trip has been postponed to **Saturday 23rd March.**

Altar servers are asked to take a form to be filled in and returned as soon as possible so we can confirm the numbers who will be attending. Thank you.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. A collection for the SVP will be taken after weekend Masses on 2nd – 3rd March at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

Easter Raffle. Both our parishes will be 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 will be in St Bede's Parish Hall on Monday 11th March at 7pm. New volunteers are very welcome to come along. To keep our group going into the future we have decided to rename it the "Parish Social Group". We hope to organise lots of parish events in the years to come.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre **after the 11am Mass this Sunday** and in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday the 10th March**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

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 and St Bede Family Bingo Afternoons.

On Sunday 17th March 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.

On Sunday 17th March 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.

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.

Easter Cards to the 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.

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 4th March** 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.

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.

Spring Clean

A group of volunteers will be cleaning St. Chad's Parish Centre both inside and outside from 1.30pm on the 9th March. More volunteers are needed for St. Chad's church, so come along to help with cleaning or gardening you would be very welcome.

Talkin' Tables group: The next Talkin' Tables group will take place on Monday, 4 March, from 1.30pm to 3pm, at Clayton Green Library. Refreshments are provided. The group is totally free to attend. Everyone is welcome. An ex- fireman will give a talk about his experiences from 12.30pm to 1.30pm, for those attending the Talkin' Tables group.

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. 13th March at St. Chad's.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 2nd March 6pm St Bede's Peter McKeown

Sunday 3rd March **Third Sunday of Lent (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Patsy Clayton

11am St. Bede's Thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage.

The Weston family

Monday 4th March 9.15am St. Chad's Dennis Gray

1pm St Bede's Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 5th March 9.15am St. Bede's George Hill (A)

Wednesday 6th March No Mass

Thursday 7th March 9.15am St. Chad's Get Well / Recovery(RM)

12.30pm St. Chad's **Funeral Service for Christina Rae**

7pm St Chad's Stations of the Cross

Friday 8th March 9.15am St Bede's Parishioners

7pm St Bede's Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th March 6pm St Bede's Martin Fay

Sunday 10th March **Fourth Sunday of Lent (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Margaret Drinkwater & her family

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.

Please keep in your prayers **Christina Rae** of St. Chad's parish who died recently. **May she rest in peace.**

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.