



Parishes of St Bede,
Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill
Parish News
6th Sunday of Easter
5th May 2024

CAFOD SUDAN EMERGENCY APPEAL.

RETIRING COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

The conflict in Sudan has created a massive crisis across the region: 25 million people are in need of humanitarian aid and protection, more than 10 million have been displaced from their homes, and almost 15,000 people have lost their lives. **Sadly, it is the most vulnerable, especially people with disabilities, who are the hardest hit.** Our teams in Chad and Egypt are working hard to support disabled and vulnerable people, by providing physical rehabilitation services, mental health support and access to humanitarian aid. Without this vital support, the huge needs in these areas are barely covered, if at all. We are also launching activities inside Sudan with a partner organisation and working to strengthen local health systems and build the capacity of local NGOs to respond.

Can you help?

Over the past few years some of our volunteers have had to step down from their service in our parishes. We are always looking for more people to share their time and talents in God's service. We need readers, Little Church helpers, cleaners, people to help look after the church grounds and gardens, help with organising parish events, serving tea and coffee after Sunday Mass, volunteers for our parish social committees etc. It would be good to have a bit more help with our music in Church too - musicians and singers who can help us broaden our repertoire at Mass. Guitarists and organists who can help out now and again would be very welcome. If you would like to get involved, please have a chat with Fr Mark who would be very happy to hear from you.

Next Sunday, 12th 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.

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



As part of our thanksgiving for 200 years of St Bede's Parish **Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held at St Bede's Church next month. **It will begin with Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd May and conclude with a Holy Hour of Prayer and Thanksgiving at 7pm on Friday 24th May.**

We are going to need help with the flower displays and people who can sign up to be present in church during the day. We are inviting donations towards the cost of the flowers and candles which will decorate the church. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of church and can be handed in through the door of the presbytery or placed in the offertory collection at Mass. Thank you.

St Bede's Bicentenary Mass of Thanksgiving and Garden Party

At the recent meeting of the St Bede's Social Committee it was decided to simplify our celebrations a little. There will no longer be a social gathering on Saturday 8th June. Instead we will put all our efforts into a Garden Party following the 11am Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm on **Sunday 9th June**. There will be musical entertainment, children's games, tombola's, a treasure hunt, stalls, a BBQ and afternoon teas. Please keep the date in your diary. **We're now collecting prizes for our Tombola Stalls. Bottles, children's prizes and other items are wanted.** Please have a look in your cupboards and see if there is anything that you could donate. Donations can be left in the sacristy before or after Mass. Thank you.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on the third Tuesday of every month (with a break for August) in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It's a free event but donations towards the cost are welcome. Good food and good company. **The next lunch will be held on Tuesday 21st May at midday.** Please join us if you can.

The next meeting of the **St Bede's Social Group** will be held in St Bede's Parish Hall on **Monday 13th May at 7pm.**

A leak has been located in the pipework under the floor of St Bede's church. This is the cause of the loss of pressure which has meant that the church has not been as warm as we might like for the past few months. At some point we will have to close the church midweek for repairs. We will let you know any developments as they arise.

On the 6th May there will be no St Bede's Prayer Group due to the Bank Holiday.

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 **Monday 13th 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for our young people, Year 8 and older, at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on **Wednesday 26th June**. If anyone hasn't signed up to take part yet, please contact Fr Mark.

Cycling for St Bede's Bicentenary Celebrations. After the success of her Lent walk for CAFOD last year Mary Haylock has cycled 225 miles in the month of April. **Mary has raised £500.** Thank you everyone for your donations.

Have you ever wanted to **Give Bowling A Try?** If the answer is 'Yes', then come along to meet members and have a go. The green can be found at the rear of St. Chad's Club, off Town lane. St. Chad's Bowling Club have 3 teams which play each Monday night, Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon (alternating weekly, home & away). They welcome new members both experienced and beginners (coaching can be given). If you want to give bowling a try but do not have a set of bowls, then ring Catherine Ainscough on 07719110883 to arrange a session. It's a great way to spend a few hours in the fresh air and make new friends.

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

Masses and Services this week.

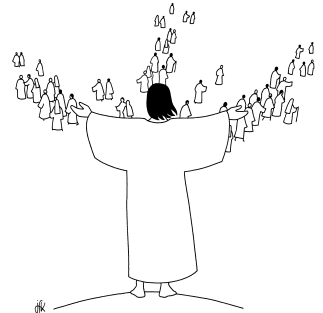
Saturday 4 th May (RIP)	6pm	St. Bede's	Angelo Gandolfo
Sunday 5 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Whittle family	
11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions	
Monday 6 th May	10am	St. Chad's	Grundy & Kershaw families
Tuesday 7 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Parishioners

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Holy Day.

Wednesday 8 th May	7pm	Vigil Mass	St Bede's Peter
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Kendal (RD)

Thursday 9 th May	St Chad's	9.15am	Alice & Harry
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	St Bede's	11am	Parishioners
Friday 10 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden
(A)			

	With the children of St Bede's School		
Saturday 11 th May	11am	St Bede's	First Holy Communion
Mass			

	6pm	St. Bede's	Joe Comerford
(Snr)			

Sunday 12 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter (PW3)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners	
11am	St. Bede's	Special Intentions	
(MJ)			

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

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.



Confessions are normally 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 Saturday this weekend.

Over the next few weeks children of our parishes will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. We keep them and their families in our prayers.