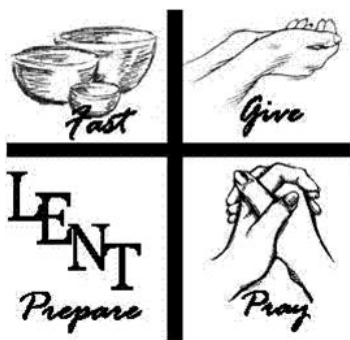




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

4th Sunday in Lent

30th March 2025

In Lent the Stations of the Cross
will be prayed in both our churches,

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.



Wednesdays During Lent - in St. Bede's (12:45pm

Tea/coffee) 1pm to 2pm - Reflection on the Sunday

Readings and what they say to us as Pilgrims of Hope.

Everyone is welcome to join the group in preparation for
our celebration of Easter.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre Sunday after
the 9.15am Mass and St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass on
Sunday 6th April. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**This weekend 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.

Youth Mass at St. Gregory's Church, Chorley on **Sunday 30th March**, at
6.30pm. Families and parishioners of all ages are welcome.

Help needed. Many parishes have welcomers at the back of church
before weekend Masses. They hand out a newsletter and Mass sheet to
people as they arrive and make people feel welcome who might not have
been to our parishes before and answer their questions. **If you would
like to be part of a rota of welcomers, please let us have your contact
details in the office or email Fr Mark.** Four people have kindly offered
their help so far but we need a few more to be able to put a rota together.

Thank you

This year's Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation will be held on Sunday 6th April at 3:00pm at St Gregory's, Weld Bank. After a short service of prayer priests will be available around the church for people to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.

We need a few more volunteers to help us take Holy Communion to people in their homes. This role needs a DBS check which is arranged through the parish office. If you would like to know more about this important service, please talk to Fr Mark. If you currently take Holy Communion to people in their home and think you might be able to add another visit each week, please let us know. Thank you.

A half-day session for Children's Liturgy volunteers. *Led by Margaret Wright, former headteacher and currently RE advisor for the Diocese of Lancaster and catechist.* An opportunity to share good practice already taking place and explore alternative ways of 'Unlocking the Word' with children, for example, through imaginative prayer and praying with pictures. Date: 31st May 2025 Time: 10.00 (for a 10.30 start) till 12.30 at St Teresa's Church, Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS. R.S.V.P. to penwortham@rcaol.org.uk by Wednesday 28th May.

Little Church: We will be holding an Easter egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, 20th April**, at **St. Chad's after the 9.15am Mass** and at **St. Bede's after the 11am Mass**. Children are invited to pop into Little Church after Mass to collect their puzzle sheet and questions. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre next Sunday after the 9.15am Mass and St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th April. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

St Chad's 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 will meet on Monday the 31st March, 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.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet every Thursday, for the over 60's, in St Bede's Parish Centre between 12.45pm and 3.15pm. Please come along.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Every Thursdays 11-12am, in St. Bede's Parish Centre. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986

SVP Chorley Buddies on Wednesday 9th April at St. Chad's Parish Centre will be holding a hot lunch & an activity or entertainment are provided. Transport is available. Call 01257 542367 to book.



Altar servers – If you are in year 4 or older and would like to help with our altar servers team at weekend Masses, please let Fr Mark know. It's a great way to learn about your faith and serve God and our parish family.

Non-perishable food and toiletries needed. Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless.

Warm winter clothes are also needed, particularly for men.

Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church for the Christian Community Larder. Non-perishable food, tea and coffee and toiletries are always needed. If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags etc. left at the back of St Bede's Church go to the Metanoia Project in Preston.

Lourdes 2025. Thursday 24th – Thursday 31st July. Bookings are now being taken for our annual pilgrimage. We are able to offer support for many people living with a disability or illness in the St Frai hub with our medical team of doctors, nurses and helpers. Some support from the parish is available if needed. Chat to Fr Mark if you would like to know more or call Debbie in our Lourdes office on 07484911623. To book as a regular pilgrim call Joe Walsh Tours on Freephone 08081890468.

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www.stchads-southhill.org

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The parish office is open on Thursday & Friday. **01772 335209**

Masses this week

Saturday 29th March 6pm St. Bede's *Fr. Michael O'Neill RIP*

Sunday 30th March **Fourth Sunday of Lent (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's *Parishioners*

11am St. Bede's *Cameron Beeby*

Monday 31st March 11am St. Chad's **Funeral Mass for
John Wilcock**

Tuesday 1st April 9.15am St. Bede's *Franklin Chesworth*

Wednesday 2nd April **No Mass**

Thursday 3rd April 9.15am St. Chad's *Whittle families*

Friday 4th April 9.15am St Bede's *Parishioners*

Saturday 5th April 6pm St. Bede's *Sheila Brown (RIP)*

Sunday 6th April **Fifth Sunday of Lent (PW1)**

9.15am St. Chad's *John Wilcock (RIP)*

11am St. Bede's *Parishioners*

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

George Morris, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Patrick Phillips, Joyce Campbell, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Marie Gamble and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers

John Wilcock of St Chad's parish who has died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

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.