

Parish News

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th July 2025

St Joseph's Parish, Brindle. A few months ago it was announced that when Fr Raphael at St Joseph's Brindle returns to Ampleforth Abbey in September the church would be closed and the parish of St Joseph's Brindle would become part of a new parish with St Bede's. Our new Archbishop John has requested that a consultation take place before this decision is confirmed. Fr Raphael will now continue as parish priest until November to allow parishioners of St Joseph's, St Bede's and St Chad's and local priests to be part of this consultation. We don't know if this will change the outcome for St Joseph's but the Archbishop wants all voices to be heard. You will be invited to attend meetings in the coming months which will form part of the consultation process.

Parish Day of Prayer at Hyning Hall near Carnforth.

We have booked a day of prayer for our parishioners from both our parishes at the Bernadine Monastery once again. **Tuesday 22nd July 10am – 4pm.** There will be a talk from one of the Sisters, Mass and times of prayer together with free time to pray and explore the beautiful grounds. The sisters can welcome about 30 of us. To keep costs down we bring our own picnic lunch. We have to get there under our own steam. Envelopes are available at the back of church to sign up. Thank you.

There will be a pilgrimage to St. Chad's Cathedral in Lichfield on Monday 4th August open to parishioners from both our parishes. We will visit the Cathedral and pray together at the shrine of St Chad with free time to explore the city. We will pick up from both churches at around 9.30am and arrive home late afternoon. Envelopes are available at the back of church to sign up. 40 places available.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. Next weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be held on **Tuesday 15th July at midday** 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. Please join us if you can.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass this Sunday 6th July** and in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 13th July**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

The St. Chad's Social Group are looking for new volunteers to join their team. The next meeting is on **Monday 7th July in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm.** Please come along and volunteer if you can.

SVP Chorley Buddies will serve a hot lunch & an activity or entertainment in **St. Chad's Parish Centre on Wednesday 9th July.** The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book. Transport is available.

Our next **Alpha Course** will begin at **7pm on Thursday 21st August in St. Bede's Parish Hall.** If you haven't already taken advantage of one of these courses, here is your opportunity and you won't regret it. It's a time to deepen our faith and ask our questions in a safe and welcoming environment. There are cards and leaflets at the back of the Church giving further details and names to contact for more information.

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
St Bede's Prayer Group. Due to illness the prayer group has been cancelled. We will let you know as soon as we have a date. Thank you.
St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 7th July** 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.

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

Thank you to the volunteers who have started acting as welcomers. It is a big help to people visiting our churches who might not know that they need a Mass sheet, how children can get involved in Little Church or where the toilets are etc. If you would like to lend a hand to make visitors to our churches feel welcome, please let us know. Thank you.

Light of truth: children's liturgy training, Saturday 6 September, 9.00 to 12.00. Online morning workshop for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy, looking at the principles and practical tools we can use to help children participate in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.
<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/childrens-liturgy-training>

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

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.

St Gregory's Annual Beer Festival - 8th - 10th August. This year's festival will feature a selection of beers and ciders. Tickets for this event will be £5 each to include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café. If you would like to sponsor this event, the cost is £110 per keg. All sponsor's business/company names will be included in the festival programme which is issued to all attendees. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please let us know.

Concert in the Garden - SUNDAY 10th August. Our ever popular family event will take place in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required). Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat but otherwise entry is £5 on the door. Bring along your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides and games for the children. Bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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

St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523

St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818

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
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The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 5 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Joseph Hardacre (RIP)</i>
Sunday 6 th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Parishioners</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Special Intentions</i>
Monday 7 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Leigh, Marks & Nickson families</i>
Tuesday 8 th July	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Gerard & Florence Clitheroe</i>
Wednesday 9 th July	No Mass		
Thursday 10 th July	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Joseph Walmsley (RIP)</i>
Friday 11 th July	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Parishioners</i>
Saturday 12 th July	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Alan Hill & Eileen McEvoy</i>
Sunday 13 th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Chris Mahon</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Anne Grace (RIP)</i>

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, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Anna Leonard and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Welcome to Zach Jackson from St Bede's who will be baptised this weekend. Please keep Zach and his family in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers Joseph Walmsley from St. Chad's parish and Iris Taylor of St Bede's parish who have died recently.
Eternal rest grant unto them 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.

Fr Mark has been given a week of compassionate leave by the Archdiocese so this weekend we welcome Fr Seth Frimpong who will be celebrating our Masses while Fr Mark is away with his family for a week of holiday.