



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

Parish News

Nineteenth Sunday of Year C

10th August 2025

This Monday evening at 7pm in St Bede's Church there will be a meeting open to members of both our parishes which forms part of the consultation currently underway about the future of St Joseph's parish in Brindle. **All our parishioners are warmly invited to come along.**

After Easter it was announced that Fr Raphael would be returning to the monastery at Ampleforth on 1st September of this year and that pastoral care of St Joseph's parish would be taken on by Fr Mark at St Bede's. St Joseph's church would be taken out of public use. Archbishop John has asked that this change now be delayed until 1st November to allow for a wider consultation of the parishioners and clergy who would be most effected by it. Our Dean, Fr Graeme Dunne, and the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Development, Mgr. Philip Inch, will be present to lead the meeting. It's a chance for us to ask questions and reflect on the wider issues facing our local church today.

We apologize for the short notice available for this meeting. If you are unable to attend any written submissions we receive will be passed on to Fr Graeme to be included in the consultation process.

Please keep Fr Raphael and the parishioners of St Joseph's Brindle in your prayers, especially as they wait for the outcome of the consultation process.

Friday 15th August is the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation so we are asked to attend Mass if we can. Mass times are on the back page of this newsletter.

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. Please spread the word about our Alpha Course to people who you think might be interested. Thank you.

We have been asked to print the following statement by Fr Simon Henry regarding the **Church of St Catherine Labouré, Farrington.**

A fuller version of this statement is available at the back of church.

“Last year the parish of St Catherine Labouré at Farrington and the parish of St Mary at Euxton were merged to become one parish with two churches. In the months since then we have reflected and held consultations which were used to assist Archbishop John in his decisions for our parish. Through those, it became obvious that we simply do not need and cannot sustain two physical sites for the parish. The result is that the Archbishop has signed the decree which will see St Catherine’s Church “taken out of use for public worship” - the formal way of saying that the physical church will close.

Archbishop John will celebrate a final Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration of the life of the church at 7pm on Friday 5th September 2025. Due to the small size of the church, this will need to be a ticketed event to sit in the church but doors open into our hall to cater for anyone that might arrive. A Reception in a marquee in the grounds will follow. Please do pray for us through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and St Catherine to guide us in our new path.

Fr Simon Henry.

Parish Priest

St Chad’s Craft Group, St Chad’s Reading Group and St Bede’s Prayer Group will all now take a summer break and will recommence in September. Thank you.

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 will now take a summer break and will recommence in September. Thank you.

Light of truth: children’s liturgy training, Saturday 6th September, 9.00 to 12.00. An 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>

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.



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. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the sheet at the back of church so we can start to put a rota together. Thank you.

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.



If any of the children who have now made their First Holy Communion would like to join our team of altar servers at our weekend Masses, they would be very welcome. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to know more about becoming an altar server.

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 9 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Fay family</i>
Sunday 10 th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Mary Hilton (Anniversary)</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Mary Ruddy</i>
Monday 11 th August	9.15am	St Chad's	<i>Teresa Beattie (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 12 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Parishioners</i>
Wednesday 13 th August	No Mass		
Thursday 14 th August	2pm	St. Chad's	Funeral Mass for John Dixon
	7pm	Vigil Mass	St. Bede's <i>Parishioners</i>
	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Friday 15 th August	9.15 am	St. Chad's	<i>Joseph Walmsley (RIP)</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Pat Hardman (RIP)</i>
Saturday 16 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Winnie Flynn (RIP)</i>
Sunday 17 th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Parishioners</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Tony Morris (Anniversary)</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, John Dixon, Jim Holmes and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Welcome to Eden Gemmell from St. Chad's who will be baptised this weekend. Please keep Eden and her family in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers John Dixon from St. Chad's parish who has died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

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.