

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

Parish News

Twentieth Sunday of Year C

17th August 2025

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

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Cakes, Tea and Coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7th September.** It's a free event but donations are always welcome.
Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Arrowsmith Walk - This year's Arrowsmith Walk, following in the footsteps of local Martyr, St Edmund Arrowsmith, will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August. We will meet at St Joseph's Church, Brindle for a 1.30pm departure, returning for Mass at 4.30pm, followed by the opportunity to view items associated with St Edmund and refreshments in the parish room. The walk is approximately 5 miles and involves some cross-country sections which can be boggy after rainfall. En route there will be an opportunity to visit the Mass Room at Arrowsmith House where St Edmund celebrated his final Mass in 1628, before being captured on Brindle Moss, and to watch a short film about his life. All welcome.

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 not be meeting this week.

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

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.

Our next **Alpha Course** will now begin at **7pm on Thursday 28th August in St. Bede's Parish Hall, (not on 21st August as previously advertised)**. 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

Thank you to those who were able to attend the consultation meeting on Monday discussing the future of St Joseph's parish, Brindle. All comments have now been typed up and forwarded to Archbishop John. The consultation period will conclude by the end of August to allow time for reflection and for discussion between the trustees of Ampleforth Abbey and of the Archdiocese. Please keep the parishioners of St Joseph's in your prayers in this uncertain time, and Fr Raphael as he prepares to take up his new duties in November.

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>

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.

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.

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523

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Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and
www.stchads-southhill.org

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

Masses and Services this week

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>
Monday 18 th August	9.15am	St Chad's	<i>Fr. Mark and family</i>
Tuesday 19 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	<i>Parishioners</i>
Wednesday 20 th August	No Mass		
Thursday 21 st August	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>Sister Dorothy and Sister Benedicte</i>
Friday 22 nd August	9.15 am	St. Bede's	<i>Fay family</i>
Saturday 23 rd August	6pm	St. Bede's	<i>Pat Hardman (RIP)</i>
Sunday 24 th August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	<i>John Dixon (RIP)</i>
	11am	St. Bede's	<i>Teresa Beattie</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, Jim Holmes and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Welcome to Ada Warren, Deia and Pheonix McVerry from St. Chad's who will be baptised this weekend. Please keep Ada, Deia, Pheonix and their family in your prayers.

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.

