

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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th November 2025

Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band are holding another concert by popular demand in St Chad's Church on **Sunday 23rd November at 2.30pm to 4.30pm**. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments. Children can attend for free. Please contact Ann on 07708992621 or Angela on 07761983041 to reserve your tickets. Thank you.

Christmas Dance with music from "The Symbolics" in St. Chad's Parish Centre on **Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm**. There will be a hot pot supper and tickets are £10 and will be available this weekend after Mass at St. Chad's or you can book a place through the parish office. Thank you.

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.

St. Bede's Prayer Group meets every **Monday** in the **Presbytery of St. Bede's at 1pm – 2.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. Every **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility on **Thursday, 11am – 12pm, in St Bede's Parish Centre**. If you want any more information, please contact Janet on 07890165986

Clayton Thursday Group will be meeting on **Thursdays** for the over 60's, in **Whittle Methodist Church on Preston Road** between 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council are inviting all those of State Pension age to a **Christmas Lunch** at the **Halfway House, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, PR6 7JB** on **Tuesday 9th December OR Wednesday 10th December 2025**. Please contact clerk@claytonlewoods-pc.gov.uk or 07715637345 to book your place. Thank you.

Ukraine Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Donations can be left at the back of our churches in the Appeal box at the back of church. **The final date for donations will be Sunday 23rd November 2025.**

For World Youth Sunday there will be a Youth Mass at St. Gregory's Church, Chorley at **6.30pm on 23rd November 2025**. If you want more information, get in touch by email: admin@holycross.lansc.sch./uk or 01257 262093 ask for Linda. Thank you.

TALK ABOUT THE 1700TH YEAR OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA

Every Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed, a brief compendium of the Catholic Faith. We are very lucky to be able to host this special talk about the Nicene Creed and the Council of Nicaea. Rev Dr Mark Drew, Parish Priest of St Michael's Woolston, Warrington, who has spent years in Greece, will deliver the talk at St Mary's Chorley, on **Saturday 22nd November at 2.30pm – 3.45pm**. We will then have refreshments and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at 5pm. This little mini-retreat afternoon is part of the pilgrim of hope year closure.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available at the back of St. Bede's Church. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering to your Church, please let us know and we can send you a form that you give to your bank. You can also donate to your parish via bank transfer. Contact Clare on the office number 01772 335209 if you are interested. Thank you.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land.

For many years our parishes have supported the Archdiocese campaign to send Christmas cards to the Holy Land. This year they are asking us to send just 1 large parish card (signed by parishioners) to each chosen parish in the Holy Land. Parishes have been chosen in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

The 3 large cards will be available for parishioners in St. Chad's and St. Bede's to sign after masses on 15th/16th, 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th November. If you would like to make a small donation towards the costs it would be gratefully received. Many thanks for your continued support.

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

On behalf of all the volunteers and families supported by the Christian Community Larder, we wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to your parishioners for the remarkable donations received during the recent Harvest Festival. Your generosity was truly wonderful and uplifting. Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church for the Christian Community Larder. Tel: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.

Becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please get in touch. We are starting preparation for adult candidates who would like to be baptised or received into the Church. If you have any questions about what this involves please let us know and we can arrange for you to meet Fr Mark or one of our parish volunteers. You don't need to make a commitment! We are happy to meet and listen to your questions. Please pass on this information to people you know who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED. Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning our churches. If you think you can help, please talk to Fr Mark.

We also need a few more members for our choir at the 9.15am Sunday Mass at St Chad's. Just make your way to the choir loft before Mass if you would like to be part of the choir.

If there are any Special Ministers of Holy Communion at St Bede's who would be willing to take Holy Communion to a (or an additional) housebound parishioner, please let Fr Mark know. Thank you.

Christmas cards for Prisoners in Garth and Wymott Prison.

The envelopes must not be sealed and only sign with Christian name (not surname). Please can cards be returned by 7th December and we will make sure they are passed on to the prison chaplains in good time.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO THE UKRAINIAN HUB: Winter is approaching fast, and we have seen a change in the weather, as we remember the long hot summer and dry autumn. The people of Ukraine are facing another bitterly cold, snowy winter. Electricity distribution centres are being targeted and destroyed purposely. Please look in your cupboards for candles, warm socks, gloves and hats (adult and children's), thermal clothing, coats and jumpers you don't need anymore, female hygiene items, plasters, bandages, paracetamols, cough mixtures (adult and children's). It will all be very much appreciated and a good way to help these desperate poor people who are suffering so much. Please take your donations to the Ukrainian Hub, which was the White Hart pub near Chorley police station. Wednesday 2-4pm and Sat 10.00-12.00 noon. Candles are especially needed.

Thank you to the members of St Chad's Social Group who ran the very successful comedy night at St Joseph's on Thursday. It was a great event and raised much needed funds to help us keep our parish centre running.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 15th November 6pm St. Bede's Pious List

*Sunday 16th November **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)***

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners and Pious List

11am St. Bede's Parishioners and Pious List

Monday 17th November 9.15am St Chad's Pious List

Tuesday 18th November 9.15am St Bede's

Service of the word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 19th November No Mass

Thursday 20th November 9.15am St. Chad's Pious List

Friday 21st November 9.15am St Bede's Pious List

Saturday 22nd November 6pm St. Bede's Pious List

*Sunday 23rd November **Christ King of the Universe (PW2)***

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners and Pious List

11am St. Bede's Parishioners and Pious List

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Beattie Tel. 01257 460154

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523

St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

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

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E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk

or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Kath Yates, Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Confessions are heard in in St Bede's church on **Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm** or at any time on request.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of **animate youth**, our Archdiocesan Youth Service at all Masses next weekend. Thank you.