



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

Parish News

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th January 2026**

Children in Year 4 or older who would like to celebrate their First Confession and First Holy Communion this year are invited to come to the first preparation session. Classes will be held at St Bede's at 6.30pm in church beginning on Thursday 26th February and at St Chad's after the 9.30am Mass beginning Sunday 1st March. Children who attend our parish schools will have already received their letter of invitation. Children attending other schools should contact our parish office. Please keep all our candidates and their families in your prayers at this important time. Our catechists are welcome to pick up a list of dates of the classes and celebrations from the sacristy.

Young people in Year 8 and older are now invited to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026. Go to **liverpoolcalled.co.uk** and complete the registration form. Enrolment closes on 13th February 2026. Once we know the names of those requesting confirmation after 13th February, we will contact you to let you know about preparation for the sacrament.

Confirmation Programme 2026 – Browndedge St Mary's Catholic High School Young people in school years 8, 9, 10 & 11 are invited to take part in the Confirmation Programme provided by Browndedge St Mary's High School. Sessions will begin during Lent 2026 and will take place at 3.15pm on weekdays at Browndedge St Mary's. Pupils who attend St Mary's parish but not the high school are also welcome to register. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Summer 2026 (date TBC). During Confirmation, candidates receive the power of the Holy Spirit, through which they are strengthened to be witnesses of Christ in the world. If you would like your child to take part in this programme, please complete the registration form which can be found at www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-life/chaplaincy by **Monday 19th January at 12noon**. If you have any questions, please contact St Mary's parish office.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass** and in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 1st February**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 20th January** 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.

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.

St Joseph's Church, Brindle

Last week it was announced that St Joseph's Church in Brindle may be taken out of sacred use at the end of the month. A further period of consultation is continuing until 22nd January but the current lease for use of St Joseph's church with the trustees of Ampleforth Abbey who own the buildings elapses at the end of the month. If no alternative solution is found a new parish will be created at the beginning of February combining the territory of St Joseph's parish with the territory of St Bede's parish. We keep the parishioners of St Joseph's in our prayers in what must be a very difficult time for them. We will give further information about what this might mean for the parishioners of St Joseph's and parishioners of St Bede's and St Chad's as we receive the results of the consultation from the Archbishop.

Poinsettias at Christmas

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help us decorate our Churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. **You can now take your plants home with you after Mass.** At St Bede's please put the trays that are underneath the Poinsettias inside the black bucket at the back of the church. There are plenty of plastic bags for your Poinsettias.

The St. Chad's Social Group are looking for new volunteers to join their team. The next meeting is on **Monday 2nd February in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

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, no skills or previous experience required.

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

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

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. 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.

Thank you to everyone who is able to make a donation. Things are particularly difficult for the homeless and those rough sleeping at this time of year and your help is much appreciated.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Beattie Tel. 01257 460154

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB
01772 335209

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
or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

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

The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

01772 335209

Masses and Services This Week

Saturday 17th January 6pm St. Bede's Thomas & Eva Gore and family

Sunday 18th January **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)**

9.15am St. Chad's Pat Baldwin

11am St. Bede's Jenny & Bernard Walker and family

Monday 19th January 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 20th January 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st January No Mass

Thursday 22nd January 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Friday 23rd January 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word and Holy Communion

Saturday 17th January 6pm St. Bede's Cliff Hughes (RIP)

Sunday 18th January **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's William & Ivy Smith (RIP)

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 normally heard at St Bede's Church on Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm or at any time on request.

Confessions will resume on Saturday 7th February



Altar Servers. New servers are always welcome. Children in Year 4 or older are very welcome to learn how to serve at Mass. It's a great way to learn more about the Mass and help us to pray together. Please let Fr Mark know if you would like to join our team.