



**Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
St Joseph's, Brindle
and St Chad, South Hill**

Parish News

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th February 2026

Dear friends, it was with sadness for many people last Saturday that Mass was celebrated at St Joseph's Brindle, with uncertainty still present about the future of St Joseph's church.

Parishioners from St Joseph's may have now chosen to attend St Bede's or St Chad's this weekend. You are very welcome. I know it's very hard to have to leave a much-loved church and community to come to a new church with new people and a new priest to get used to. I'm very sorry that you have to go through this. I hope that the members of St Bede's and St Chad's parishes can mark this weekend as a new beginning for all of us. The gifts and talents of everyone in our communities are very much needed. Anyone who has generously served at St Joseph's in any way is warmly invited to think about still serving in our parishes. New ideas and new ways of doing things are always needed. It would be wonderful if we can let the Holy Spirit make some good come from what for many people is a difficult and painful time. We are in God's hands. If we open our hearts we can find our peace in Him and in His guiding presence at our side. Let's keep each other in our prayers, that we will allow God to be at work among us and that He might use our community as His instrument in service of the people we live among.

With prayers for you and your families, Fr Mark

The Parish Centre at St. Bede's has now been closed because of a faulty water tank in the attic which leaked causing the circuit boards in the boiler room to catch fire! The electricity board has now disconnected the outside cable to the hall. Once things dry out new boards will have to be fitted then the electricity can be reconnected. We will let you know when the parish hall can be used again. We are very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause and hope to have the hall up and running again as soon as possible. We are also going to need to start work to reinforce the foundations at the corner of the hall where the kitchen is located. We have been told that work on this will be starting soon. Thank you for your understanding while we get everything up and running again.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 17th February** 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.

SVP Chorley Buddies hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 11th February at St. Chad's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm**. A hot lunch & an activity or entertainment are provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book.

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 attending other schools should contact our parish office. Please keep all our candidates and their families in your prayers at this important time.

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.

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. Any singers or musicians in our parishes who would like to get involved in helping with music at our weekend Masses are also very welcome. Our Little Church at Sunday Masses would also welcome new members and leaders. If you would like to volunteer in any way in the parish, please let us know. We would be very happy to help you get involved. Send us an email or ring to have a chat.

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion

The annual reunion will take place on Saturday 21st February 2026 from 1.30pm - 4pm. at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive. Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils, family, carers and teaching staff are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 9th February 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 10th February** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm **in St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

Chair based exercise in St. Bede's Parish Hall has been cancelled at the moment until the hall is able to be used again. If you would like any more information, please contact Janet on 07890165986

Clayton Thursday Group will be meets on **Thursday 12th February** for the over 60's, in **Whittle Methodist Church on Preston Road** between 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and warm clothing are 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 in Bamber-Bridge. 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 helping homeless people in Preston. Your support is very much appreciated especially during this time of bad weather.

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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"

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

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Masses and Services This Week

Saturday 7th February 6pm St. Bede's George & Clare Cook (RIP)

*Sunday 8th February **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)***

9.15am St. Chad's Kathleen Partlin (RIP)

11am St. Bede's Thanksgiving & forgiveness

*Monday 9th February 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word and
Holy Communion*

*Tuesday 10th February 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word and
Holy Communion*

Wednesday 11th February No Mass

*Thursday 12th February 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word and
Holy Communion*

Friday 13th February 9.15am St. Bede's Clare Cook (RIP)

Saturday 14th February 6pm St. Bede's Rod Radue

*Sunday 15th February **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)***

9.15am St. Chad's Richard Shorrocks

11am St. Bede's Oliver Mullen

Please remember in your prayers Liz Fogarty of St Chad's parish who sadly passed away this week, and her family. Her Funeral Mass will take place at St Chad's at 11am on Monday 16th February

Please also 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 the confessional at St Bede's Church on Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm or at any time on request.



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.