



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

Parish News

**Divine Mercy Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter
12th April 2026**

After all Masses this weekend, 11th and 12th April, anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick is invited to remain in church after Mass asking God for healing of mind and body.

A Divine Mercy service will be held at **Sacred Heart Church, Chorley on 12th April starting at 3.00pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Private Confessions will be available during Exposition. The afternoon also includes the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary and the Sunday Mass of the day. The devotions end with the blessing of the Divine Mercy image and its veneration.

The St. Chad's Social Group are looking for new volunteers to join their team. The next meeting is on **Monday 13th April in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 21st April in St Chad's Parish Centre at midday**. 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.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 13th April 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 14th April** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm **in St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 13th April, 1pm to 3pm in St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Books are provided from the County Library service and are available to borrow at each meeting. New members are very welcome.

Tea and coffee will be served in **St. Chad's Parish Centre** after the **9.15am Mass on Sunday 26th April** and in **St. Bede's Parish Hall** after the **11am Mass on Sunday 3rd May**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Mass Intentions. If you would like to request that your prayers, be remembered at the offering of the Mass, you can use one of the envelopes at the back of church. If you are part of our parish Gift Aid Scheme, we can claim back the Gift Aid on your donation if you write your Gift Aid envelope number on the Mass Intention request. Thank you.



The **Red Admiral Brass Band Spring Concert** is on **Sunday 10th May at 2.30 – 4.30pm in St. Chad's Church**. Light refreshments are included. Please ring Angela 07761 983041 or Ann 07708 992621 to put your names down for this fabulous concert.

The Spring SVP Gathering will take place on **Wednesday 29th April at 1.30pm in Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley. PR7 3LS**. Join us for an afternoon of bingo, crafts, prizes, musical performances by our school choir and afternoon tea will be served. **To book a place please telephone St Bede's Parish Office on 01772 335209**. The office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am – 3pm**. It is a big help if bookings can be made at these times.

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. If you would like to volunteer in any way in the parish, please let us know.

Some of our parishioners have asked if they can help with the preparation for Masses as a sacristan or with the washing of the cloths used at Mass. Please let Fr Mark know that you would like to help and we can put you on our team. Thank you. Could you join our team that counts the collection each week at St Bede's? If you would like to help, please talk to Fr Mark and we can let you know how to volunteer. Thank you.

Receiving the weekly newsletter by email. Please fill in one of the parishes contact forms and tick the box indicating you would like to sign up for our weekly newsletter.

Any adults in the parish who would like to be baptised, received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are very welcome to get in touch and we will be very happy to help. Please talk to Fr Mark or to Sr Dorothy and we can look at how we can best support your decision.



Confessions are heard in the confessional at St Bede's each Saturday at 5.30pm-5.50pm or at any time on request. You can call Fr Mark to arrange a convenient time. If you are unable to get to church Fr Mark can arrange to visit you at home.

MISSION WORKSHOP. The Archdiocese of Liverpool is going to organise a Mission Workshop which will be taking place on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD at 6.30pm – 9pm. During the event, there will be a keynote presentation on 'Exploring Baptismal Priesthood' by Rev Dr Peter McGrail, workshops on ministries (e.g. reader, catechist, evangelisation and Catholic social action) and time for prayer & reflection. If you're interested in joining us, please register online here <https://forms.office.com/e/TYfqtqFnig?origin=lprLink>. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk or Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk

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www.stchads-southhill.org

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The parish office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** this coming week.

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Masses and Services this Week

<i>Saturday 11th April</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Karen Gomez (RIP)</i>
<i>Sunday 12th April</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Fr. Peter Crowther (RIP)</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>John Crilly</i>
<i>Monday 13th April</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Eileen Fogarty</i>
<i>Tuesday 14th April</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Wednesday 15th April</i>	<i>No Mass</i>		
<i>Thursday 16th April</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Frank Billington (Anniversary)</i>
<i>Friday 17th April</i>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Special Intentions</i>
<i>Saturday 18th April</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>Duncan</i>
<i>Sunday 19th April</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		
	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St. Chad's</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	<i>for the Lord's mercy & forgiveness</i>

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We also remember in prayer Jacqueline Lowe of St Chad's who has died recently and her family. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Kath Yates, Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss, Agnes Martland and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Help us shape youth ministry for the future.

You will meet other young people and have your chance to share your experiences and ideas about how the Church might best respond to the needs of young people today. All feedback will be carefully listened to as part of a diocesan wide process planning youth ministry for the years ahead. We want to hear from adults, young adults and 11-18 year olds.

Please join us. (Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.) on

MONDAY 20TH APRIL 7- 9.30pm at St Joseph's Crow Orchard Rd, Wroughtington, Wigan WN6 9PA. For more information, contact Sarah McGeehan on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048