



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

Parish News

Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of Your love.*

Spirit of Wisdom, teach us to see as Jesus sees.

Spirit of Courage, help us to speak truth with kindness.

Spirit of Consolation,

stay close to all who feel anxious, lonely, or burdened.

Make our parish a place of welcome,

our homes places of peace,

and our hearts places where Your fire can burn brightly.

*Come, Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth
and renew us, Your people. Amen.*



Sausage Sizzle and Tea & Coffee will be served in **St. Chad's Parish Centre** on **Sunday 7th June** after the **9.15am Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7th June**. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. On Sunday 24th May a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support. Our next **Alpha** Course will begin **Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre**. For more information or to book your place please contact either:

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Invitations and leaflets giving more information are at the back of Church.

Archbishop John Sherrington is inviting all parishes and parishioners across the archdiocese to join together in praying a Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life on Sunday 21 June.

The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). The Novena is available on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life>, as well as at

<https://prayforlife.ie>

Chorley Help the Homeless at The Gateway is very grateful for all the generous contributions from our parishioners. Unfortunately, there is an ongoing need for food, especially, rice, tinned meat e.g. Corned Beef, Spam, Cordial, Hotdogs, Weetabix and chocolate cereals. Any donations can be placed in the box in the porch at St. Chad's. At The Gateway we also provide, not only food parcels but a free breakfast and lunch every week, Monday to Friday and a warm space for those in need. Thank you.

Clothing and food donations left at the back of St Bede's church support our local food bank and the Metanoia Project supporting homeless people in Preston.

Confirmations will take place in our Family of Parishes at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on Thursday 11th June at 7pm. A rehearsal will be held in the same place for all candidates on Thursday 4th June. If you have registered to take part, you should have heard from us by now. If you have not heard anything yet, please let us know. If any other young people in Year 8 or older would like to be confirmed or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Fr Mark.

Please keep all our young people preparing for this important moment in their lives in your prayers in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Any singers & musicians who would like to support the music at our Confirmations will be most welcome. There will be 2 rehearsals at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on the Wednesdays of 3rd & 10th June from 7pm - 8pm. Tea & coffee will be served afterwards.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group meets on **Tuesday 26th May** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will have a week's break due to the Bank Holiday. It will start again on **Monday 1st June** in St. Bede's Presbytery at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 1st June**, 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.

The St. Chad's Social Group are meeting on **Monday 1st June in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can.

At the back of St Bede's church there are small brown envelopes for people **who wish their donation to go St Joseph's church in Brindle** supporting the Ampleforth Trust to maintain the buildings and meet ongoing costs. If you Gift Aid your donation please write your parish Gift Aid number on the envelope.

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.

If you are unable to get to church due to ill health or following hospital treatment etc., we can arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact us and let us know that you are unable to come to Mass and we will be happy to help.



All our Special Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a time of prayer and reflection on this important ministry on **in St Joseph's Primary School, Harpers Lane, Chorley on Sunday 5th July at 3pm. Please try to attend this meeting if you can**

Gluten free hosts are available at all Masses. Please let Fr Mark know if you need a gluten free host at Holy Communion and we will make sure we have enough consecrated for those who need them.

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www.stchads-southhill.org

www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

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The parish office is open on **Thursday and Friday** this coming week.

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Masses and Services this Week

Saturday 23rd May 6pm St. Bede's Maureen Spencer (RIP)

Sunday 24th May **Pentecost Sunday**

9.15am St. Chad's John Hilton (Ann)

11am St. Bede's Special Intention

Monday 25th May **10am** St. Chad's Dorothy Shaliker (Ann)

Tuesday 26th May 9.15am St. Bede's Rose Baker (80th Birthday)

Wednesday 27th May No Mass

Thursday 28th May 9.15am St. Chad's Berry & Eccles families

Friday 29th May 9.15am St. Bede's Parishioners

Saturday 30th May 6pm St. Bede's Paul McBeth (RIP)

Sunday 31st May **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Constance Foy

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

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

Please keep in your prayers Marie Sharples of St Bede's parish who died recently and her family. May she rest in peace.

Any children in Year 4 of primary school or older are invited to become part of the altar serving team at our weekend Masses. Just talk to Fr Mark and he will let you know how to get involved. It's a great way to learn about our Faith and serve God and your parish family.

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.