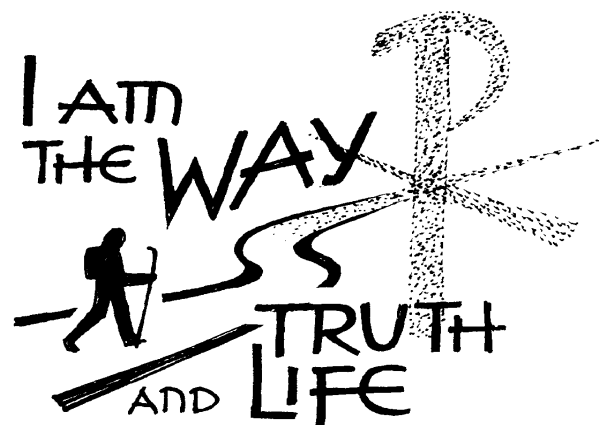


Parishes of St Bede,
Clayton Green and Houghton,
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

5th Sunday of Easter
3rd May 2026



Tea and coffee will be served in **St. Bede's Parish Hall** after the **11am Mass on Sunday 3rd May**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along. We have been asked if we can have tea and coffee more often after Sunday Masses. It would be great to be able to do this. We would need a few more volunteers to set up the tables and chairs before Mass and to clear away afterwards as well as making the drinks. If you think you would like to help please let us know. Thank you.



We are in the process of planning our next Alpha Course at St. Bede's which may begin either mid-July or at the end of August. Alpha is a weekly meeting of about 9 sessions where we can reflect on our Faith together and ask questions in a safe and friendly environment. There is information at the back of Church about the Course and a sign-up sheet for *expressing interest* and preference of dates. We would be grateful if you would sign this to help us in deciding the best date to start.

At the back of St Bede's church 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.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **11th May** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group meets on **Tuesdays** 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 11th May**, 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.

Thank you to all our **Mission Red Box holders** for handing-in your donations over the past few weeks. Your Missio boxes/brown envelopes are now available at the back of **St Bede's Church** for you to collect. The envelope contains the Missio Spring Newsletter and your receipt for your recent donation. Your donations are always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.



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.

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.

Last week we advertised an event in our Family of Parishes for all our Special Ministers of Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane, Chorley, on Sunday 24th May at 3pm. This event has been postponed and we will let you know the new date when it has been arranged.



SVP Chorley Buddies will hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 13th May 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.

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.

Beginning from 6 May until 27 June, a **General Catechist Course** will be provided by the archdiocese. The course will be taking place over 8 weeks at St John Fisher Church, Widnes. We will talk about the key elements of Catholic faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. If you are considering being catechist or are existing catechist (e.g. RCIA, first holy communion, confirmation etc) looking to refresh your knowledge, this course is for you. For more information or to register for the sessions please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



Confirmations will take place in our Family of Parishes at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on Thursday 11th June at 7pm.

If you have registered to take part you should have heard from Animate, our Archdiocesan Youth Service, by now. If you have not heard anything yet please let us know. The registration system isn't 100% accurate! 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 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.

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818

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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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or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

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

The parish office is closed this week. Our administrator Clare is on holiday. If you don't get an answer on the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you.

Masses and Services this Week

Saturday 2 nd May	6pm	St. Bede's	Michèal Lennan (RIP)
Sunday 3 rd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Fr. Lawrence Mayne (RIP)
Monday 4 th May	10am	St. Chad's	White family (New Baby)
Tuesday 5 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	William Beattie
Wednesday 6 th May	No Mass		
Thursday 7 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Samuel and Agnes Shorrocks and Norah Wallbank
Friday 8 th May	9.15am	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden
Saturday 9 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Joseph Hardacre (Anniversary)
Sunday 10 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Robert and Elizabeth Gardner
	11am	St. Bede's	For the Lord's mercy & forgiveness

Confessions are heard in the confessional at St Bede's Church on Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm or at any time on request.

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.

Mass Intentions. If you would like to request a Mass to be offered for your intentions e.g. for a deceased loved one, in thanksgiving or for someone who is ill etc. you can use one of the envelopes at the back of church and put them through the door of the presbytery or hand it into the sacristy. 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.

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