



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

Parish News

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th July 2026**

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre **on Sunday 5th July after the 11am Mass.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

The St. Chad's Social Group will meet on **Monday 6th July in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm.** Please come along and volunteer if you can.

"In the Living Room" Charity Music Concert; at St Joseph's Parish Hall on Saturday 11th July at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks and refreshments. Requested donation £5. All proceeds go to charity.



The **annual Archdiocese of Liverpool Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 23rd to 30th July. This year we have two parishioners with the Youth pilgrimage helping pilgrims who need assistance and two parishioners travelling to be part of the music group. If you would like our young people to take any prayer intentions to Lourdes to be left at the Grotto please leave them in the box in front of Our Lady's statue at the front of church. If you would like to include a donation, to help young people take part in the pilgrimage it will be passed on to the youth group leader. Thank you.

SVP Chorley Buddies hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 15th July 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.

Congratulations to the children of who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend at St Bede's and last week at St Chad's. Thank you to the catechists who prepared them for this important moment in their lives and the great support of the staff of our three primary schools. 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.

Knitting natters from the Christian Community Larder are asking for yarn and wool. If anyone has any, could you please hand it in at St Chad's or at St Bede's and it will be delivered to the Larder. Thank you.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 6th July** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group meets on **Tuesday 7th July** 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 6th July**, 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.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE? The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. It begins on **Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre** and will run every Thursday for 10 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact:

Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257

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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.

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.

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.

Catholic Holidays in the Lake District this summer. During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact 017687 72711. Also during October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523

St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk

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

E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk

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The parish office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** this coming week. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services this Week

Saturday 4th July 6pm St. Bede's Coln Ruddy (RIP)
Sunday 5th July **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)**
9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners
11am St. Bede's Tony & Barbara Phelan (RIP)

Monday 6th July 9.15am St. Chad's Joan Hughes (RIP)
11.30am St Bede's Funeral Service for Doreen Chapman

Tuesday 7th July 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the Word with
Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th July No Mass

Thursday 9th July 9.15am St. Chad's Thanksgiving for Golden
Wedding Anniversary

Friday 10th July **9.30am** St. Bedes For Healing
**Celebrations Mass with the children St Bede's & St Joseph's Schools
who have made their First Holy Communion this week.**

Saturday 11th July 6pm St. Bede's James Quigley
Sunday 12th July **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**
9.15am St. Chad's Thanksgiving for prayers answered (LS)
11am St. Bede's Special Intention (JB)

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

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 Dolores Taggart of St. Chad's parish and Doreen Chapman and Noel Melling of St Bede's parish who died recently and their families. May they rest in peace.

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.