

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

Parish News

23rd and 24th Sundays in Ordinary Time

6th & 13th September 2026

Brindle St Joseph's **ANNUAL ARROWSMITH WALK** was a huge success, with many people enjoying the walk, the Mass and the brilliant tea's, coffee and cakes. A big thank you to all who helped on the day, and to all that attended. There are a few photo's on St Joseph's website:

<https://www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk> for you to enjoy.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass** and in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th September**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 7th and Monday 14th September** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 7th September**, 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.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 8th and 15th September** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

SVP Chorley Buddies hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 9th September** 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.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 15th September** 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.

Crafting the Word of the Lord: Monday 7th to Friday 11th September.

An Exhibition of Knitted Bible Scenes. Everyone is welcome, the church will be open throughout the week: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11am-3pm; Tuesday, 3.30pm-6pm; and Thursday, 11.30am-4pm. Entry is free and

parking is available at the church. **Our Lady & All Saints, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, WN8 7HS**

Education Sunday – 13th September; is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, having been established in 1848. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate and give thanks for all involved in Catholic education and it provides opportunities for the school and parish to join together in recognition and celebration. A retiring collection after the Masses next weekend, please use the baskets at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Thank you.

During September, we ask all **Missio Red Box holders** to bring their boxes to St. Bede's and St. Chad's churches for collection. Feel free to empty your box at home and place your donation in the Missio brown envelope provided with the previous collection in March. If you no longer have the envelope, any envelope or small bag can be used. **If possible, please write the amount on the front of the envelope/bag, along with your name.** The box/envelopes can be left at the back of St Bede's and St Chad's churches any time during the month of September. Thank you for supporting Missio.

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday is on 20th September; we ask God to help each of us play our part in making Jesus known and loved through our words and our example. The retiring collection after Masses 19th – 20th September will support the work of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Please use the baskets at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Thank you.

Charity Comedy Night hosted by Steve Royle and Friends.

Local comedy legend, radio presenter, and *Britain's Got Talent* finalist Steve Royle is bringing an incredible line-up of funny friends to host a special, non-profit charity evening. Expect a fantastic night of top-tier stand-up and entertainment as Steve guarantee non-stop laughs—all while raising vital funds for St Chad's Church in Whittle-le-Woods. Being held at **St Mary's Parish Centre, Chorley** on **Friday 2nd October 2026**, doors open at 7pm. Tickets £15 Adults only, on sale at the back church after Masses during September. For further information contact 07904 984322.

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.

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anne Letizia on **07710 094449** or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

Christian Community Larder — How to Get Help

If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder offers practical help and a warm welcome for local families.

- **Opening times:** Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am N
- **Telephone:** 07762 905978
- **Email:** christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

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. Similar donations at St Chad's support Chorley Help the Homeless.

Fr Mark will be away from the beginning of September. Fr Michael Etekpo, a Missionary of St Paul will be here for two weeks to cover his time away. If you are able to offer a lift to Fr Michael between our churches or for shopping etc., please let Clare know in the parish office. Thank you.

Little Church at Sunday Morning Masses at St Bede's & St. Chad's is starting again on 6th September.

Rossendale Male Voice Choir are doing an outstanding show at **St. Joseph's Catholic Club, Harper's Lane, Chorley. PR6 0HU on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm.** Tickets are £10, you can pay on the door or scan the code on the flyers at the back of St. Chad's and St. Bede's Churches.

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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 & Friday. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services next two Weeks

Saturday 5th September 6pm St. Bede's For Healing

Sunday 6th September ***Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)***

9.15am St. Chad's Maureen Hughes

11am St. Bede's Margaret-Mary Bolton

Monday 7th September 9.15am St. Chad's Barbara Walmsley

Tuesday 8th September 9.15am St. Bede's Nigel Schumelda (RIP)

Wednesday 9th September *No Mass*

Thursday 10th September 9.15am St. Chad's Coupe & Walmsley families

Friday 11th September 9.15am St. Bede's Patsy Griffiths

Saturday 12th September 6pm St. Bede's Julie Telford (Anniversary)

Sunday 13th September ***Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)***

9.15am St. Chad's Jean Pennington (RIP)

11am St. Bede's For the Lord's mercy and forgiveness

Monday 14th September 9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

Tuesday 15th September 9.15am St. Bede's Birthday Blessing

Wednesday 16th September *No Mass*

*Thursday 17th September 9.15am St. Chad's Snape & Brindle families
and Rev. Nickson*

Friday 18th September 9.15am St. Bede's The Sheridan & Doyle families

Saturday 19th September 6pm St. Bede's Fr. Laurence Mayne (RIP)

Sunday 20th September ***Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)***

9.15am St. Chad's Shevington & Berry families

11am St. Bede's Thanksgiving (Paola De Sanctis)

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.

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.



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.