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

Parish News

Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universal King

22nd November 2026

This weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday - a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church. We keep our young people and those who work with them in our prayers. For us to continue to work with young people the additional collection this week, goes to support the on-going work of Youth Ministry here in the diocese. Please use the envelopes provided and Gift Aid your donation if eligible. Thank you.

Christmas Preparations

Christmas Poinsettias. We will be decorating our Churches for Christmas with poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a minimum donation of £8 towards the cost. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant you can take your plant home in the New Year. Place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of both St. Bede's and St. Chad's churches or put it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle tickets are now available at the back of our churches. Please take some to sell to family and friends. All stubs and money must be returned by Sunday 20th December. Return tickets at either church or through the door of either presbytery. Even though the tickets are identical it's really two raffles – both raise money for the church where the ticket was sold and the same prizes will be given out in both churches. Thank you to the kind parishioners who have donated the cash prizes for both churches this year and for your support in raising money for our parish funds.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land.

For many years our parishes have supported the Archdiocesan campaign to send Christmas cards to the Holy Land. The parishes have been chosen in Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza. There are two cards per Holy Land parishes and they will be available for parishioners in St. Chad's and St. Bede's to sign after masses on 21st/22nd and 28th/29th November. Many thanks for your continued support.

Also at the back of church is a card we can sign that will be copied and sent to the prisoners in Garth and Wymott Prisons to assure them that we are remembering them and praying for them and their families this Christmas. Please sign with just your Christian name. Thank you.

Groups & Weekly Gatherings

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 23rd November** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.

Our weekly Bible Study group takes place at **St Bede's Parish Hall** on **Monday 23rd November at 7pm.** Please bring a bible with you if you have one – more are available at the meeting. Everyone is very welcome.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 24th November** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm **in St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th December** and St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am.** Please join us if you can.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 7th December,** 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 will meet on **Monday 7th December** in St. Chad's Parish Centre, **starting at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can. New volunteers, for looking after our parish hall and organizing parish events, are always very welcome.

The soup and sandwich lunch will now take place on **Tuesday 15th December at midday** 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.

Advent & Christmas Events

Winter Warmer Evening with music from **"The Symbolics"** in **St Chad's Parish Centre** on **Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm – 10.30pm.** There will be a hot pot supper, you can bring your own drinks and tickets are £10. The tickets are on sale **this weekend** after Mass at St Chad's or you can book a place through the parish office. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 1st December at 6pm – 7pm. Led by Holy Cross Choir followed by refreshments at St. Mary's Church. Chorley. PR7 2SR. Everyone is very welcome to what promises to be a lovely occasion.

SVP Advent Social - Tuesday 15th December 1.30pm - 2.45pm

The students of Holy Cross High School are once again inviting any 'senior' parishioners to join them for mince pies, Christmas cake and a glass or two of sherry. The school choir will be performing a selection of Christmas Carols and Music as well as a few games of Bingo and a Raffle. It is always a very enjoyable occasion. If any parishioners would like to go, give Clare a ring on the office number 01772 335209 and book your place. We need to pass on the number attending to the school by Tuesday 8th December. Thank you.

St Joseph's Brindle Advent Prayer. You are warmly invited to prepare for the celebration of Christmas by taking part in a time of prayer with readings and music followed by refreshments each Saturday in Advent in St Joseph's church 4pm – 5pm.

In the Living Room Christmas Gig. Each year we take a phrase from 'Good King Wenceslas' for the title of our 'tour'. This year it is 'The Winters Rage Tour'. It's in St Joseph's Parish Hall, 19th December at 7.30. Bring your own tipple and enjoy an evening of guests, merry tunes and mince pies all for £5.00 proceeds to charitable causes including the Friends of St Joseph's.

Visit of the relics of St Gerard Majella, on **Friday 27th November**, the relics of St Gerard Majella will be at **Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard, Lostock Hall (PR5 5TA)** for a **6:30pm Mass**, followed by individual or family blessings. **The relic is available for prayer from 5pm.** St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. Bring your petitions to this little saint! All are welcome.

Community Support

If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder behind St Aidan's Church, offers practical help and a warm welcome for local families. **Opening times:** Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am. **Telephone:** 07762 905978. **Email:** christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com
Clothing and food donations left at 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.

Get in touch

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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

Saturday 21st Nov	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 22nd November	**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (A) Youth Sunday		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St. Bede's	Pious List
Monday 23rd Nov	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
Tuesday 24th Nov	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th Nov	No Mass		
Thursday 26th Nov	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
Friday 27th Nov	9.15am	St. Bede's	Pious List
Saturday 28th Nov	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 29th November	**First Sunday of Advent** (B)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St. Bede's	Pious List

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 in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request. You can also call Fr Mark to arrange a convenient time if you would like to make your confession.



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.

Donations made at St Bede's Church with one of the small brown envelopes at the back of church are passed on to the Ampleforth Abbey Trust to help towards the maintenance of St Joseph's Church.