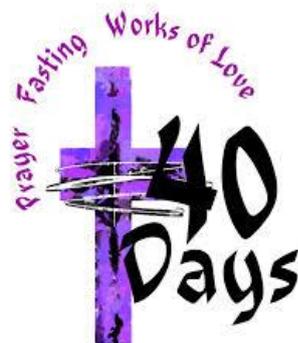


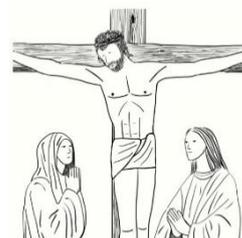
**Parishes of St Bede,  
Clayton Green and Houghton  
and St Chad, South Hill**

**Parish News**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



We are holding a **weekly bible reflection** at St Bede's Presbytery on Wednesdays during Lent. The meeting will begin at 1pm and last about an hour looking at the beautiful readings we will hear at Mass on Sundays. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**In Lent the Stations of the Cross**  
will be prayed in our churches,  
**Mondays at St Bede's at 1pm**  
**Thursdays at St Chad's at 7pm**  
**Fridays at St Bede's at 7pm**



Everyone is very welcome to join us for these times of prayer helping us to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

If you would like to be involved in reading at our Stations of the Cross, please speak to the leader after the service.

The community at **St Joseph's Brindle** are meeting for readings, hymns and quiet prayer in church on **Saturdays**, to begin with in Lent, **4pm-5pm**, followed by a cuppa in the presbytery. Everyone is very welcome to join in this time of prayer.

**St Chad's Craft Group.** The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.



**Family Bingo and Games Afternoon** in **St. Chad's Parish Centre** from 2 until 4pm, on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. All are very welcome to come along.

Next weekend, **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, our retiring collection after all Masses is to support **Nugent**, our Archdiocesan caring service. This year's appeal invites us to put into action Jesus' call to *love our neighbour* by supporting those within our communities who are most in need. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Family of Parishes Retreat Day.**

### ***Opening our hearts to the gift of Holy Week***

at St Chad's Parish Centre. 10am – 3.45pm

Saturday of Palm Sunday Weekend, **28<sup>th</sup> March**. Led by Fr Mark Beattie. Numbers for the retreat day are limited but everyone is welcome to attend Mass at Midday and a "Holy Half Hour" of prayer in church starting at around 3.15pm. To book a place for the retreat day please telephone St Bede's Parish Office on 01772 335209. The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am – 3pm. It is a big help if bookings can be made at these times.



### **Coffee Morning with Mothers' Day and Craft Sale in St. Chad's Parish Centre on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March after the 9.15am Mass.**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**SVP Chorley Buddies** hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**Clayton Thursday Group** will meet on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** for the over 60's, in **Whittle Methodist Church on Preston Road** between 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

**A soup and sandwich lunch** will be served on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**St Chad's Reading Group** will meet on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**, 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.

**Parish contact forms** are available at the back of church printed on pink paper. These must be signed by each individual wishing to hand in their contact details to be kept in our parish files. It's a big help to our parish priest to know how to contact people but we need their consent to do this. **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.

**During March**, we ask all **Missio Red Box holders** to bring their boxes to church 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 September. 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 boxes/envelopes can be left at the back of St Bede's or St Chad's Churches any time during March. Thank you.

**HELP NEEDED.** Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning our churches. If you think you can help, please talk to Fr Mark. We also need a few more members for our choir at the 9.15am Sunday Mass at St Chad's. Just make your way to the choir loft before Mass if you would like to be part of the choir. Any singers or musicians in our parishes who would like to get involved in helping with music at our weekend Masses are also very welcome. If you would like to volunteer in any way in the parish, please let us know.

### **Easter Triduum.**

**Our services for Holy Week and Easter** will be celebrated across our two churches. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated at 7pm at St Chad's. The commemoration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday will be celebrated in both churches at 3pm. Fr Mark will lead one and Deacon Simon the other. The Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection is celebrated on Holy Saturday night at St Bede's. On Easter Morning there will be an extra Mass at 9.30am at St Bede's to help accommodate the larger number of people who normally attend on Easter Sunday.

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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**St Chad's Church.** 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

**St Chad's Parish Hall** 07719718523

**St Bede's Parish Hall** 01257 271818

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and

[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

[www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk](http://www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk)

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

**E-mail our parish office:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk)

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or to Fr Mark privately [m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk)

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

## Masses and Services This Week

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| <i>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</i>   | <i>6pm</i>                                | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Stella Gore (RIP Birthday)</i>            |
| <i>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</i>     | <b><i>Third Sunday of Lent (PW3)</i></b>  |                   |  |
|  | <i>9.15am</i>                             | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Liz Fogarty (RIP)</i>                     |
|  | <i>11am</i>                               | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness</i>  |
| <i>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</i>     | <i>9.15am</i>                             | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Clarke, Ellison &amp; Sefton families</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</i>   | <i>9.15am</i>                             | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Parishioners</i>                          |
| <i>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</i> | <i>No Mass</i>                            |                   |  |
| <i>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</i>  | <i>9.15am</i>                             | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Cuerden family</i>                        |
| <i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</i>    | <i>9.15am</i>                             | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Thanksgiving &amp; forgiveness</i>        |
| <i>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</i>  | <i>6pm</i>                                | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Stephen Yates</i>                         |
| <i>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>    | <b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (PW4)</i></b> |                   |  |
|  | <i>9.15am</i>                             | <i>St. Chad's</i> | <i>Parishioners</i>                          |
|  | <i>11am</i>                               | <i>St. Bede's</i> | <i>Martin Hallam (RIP)</i>                   |

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Kath Yates, Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers all the children who have now begun their preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and their families and the four adults who will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil.

We also remember in prayer Janet Phillips of St Bede's whose funeral will take place in the coming week and Fr Peter Crowther of St Joseph's, Withnell, who died last Sunday morning. May they rest in peace.

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



**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.