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SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Saturday 11 th December | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 11.00 a.m. | Neil Prince |
| Sunday 12 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 10.00 a.m. | People of the Parish |
| | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 11.30 a.m. | James Montgomery RIP |
| Monday 13 th December <i>St Lucy</i> | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 14 th December <i>St John of the Cross</i> | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 6.30 pm | Molly Moon RIP |
| Wednesday 15 th Dec | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 9.30 a.m. | Margaret Gilleran |
| Thursday 16 th December | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 10.00 a.m. | James Montgomery RIP |
| Friday 17 th December | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 9.30 a.m. | Diana Collins |
| Saturday 18 th December | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 11.00 a.m. | Gary Mounsey RIP |
| Sunday 19 th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 10.00 a.m. | |
| | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 11.30 a.m. | Catherine Walker RIP |

Please pray for all our Parish Sick and Housebound. We pray also for all those who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

BULLETIN: Kindly send in your message/s for the bulletin at the latest Thursday evening for production on Friday. Please when booking your Mass Intention(s) kindly indicate the

Church and Time preferred and give as much notice as possible to avoid duplication of times. In cases of duplication Masses will be said on a first received basis.

The weekly bulletin can be viewed on our Parish Facebook page and also on-line @ www.stjohnpaul2preston.co.uk

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

| DATE | CHURCH | COLLECTION | ATTENDANCE | CHURCH PROJECT |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| 5 TH December 2021 | Sacred Heart | £267.90 | 74 | |
| | SS Peter & Paul | £166.77 | 53 | |

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Names of eligible children (year 4 and upwards) are requested for next year's First Holy Communion Programme. Please see the letter of introduction on the parish website www.stjohnpaul2parish.org.uk and at the back of each church.

CHURCH PROJECT: Total donation this tax year **£180**. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project over the past years. May God bless and reward you generously, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Work is still ongoing, and we look forward to receiving your generous donations.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: At every Mass we listen to the Word of God being proclaimed to us. The Gospel is proclaimed by either a Deacon or a Priest. The other passages from Scripture **are the remit of Lay People**. This applies to both our Sunday Masses and our weekday Masses as Masses return to normal. Currently, we have a severe shortage of Lay People who are willing to undertake this essential Ministry **during the week**. If any of you are interested in exercising this Ministry, please contact Fr. Francis or Rev. Chris and Rev. Jim.

OFFERTORY: Besides or instead of your weekly offerings in church, you can set up a **STANDING ORDER** or pay by **BACS payment**. The Parish account details are as follows: **ST JOHN PAUL II PRESTON 40-27-02 21335251**. If you have a **Gift-Aid** number, please quote as reference along with your name.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH 200 CLUB WINNER:

12/12/21 Wk 37 No 183. M Hodgson £20

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Fr. Francis has asked that Children's Liturgy be started again at the 10.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. At the moment we only have two people who are able to lead Children's Liturgy, so we do need some more volunteers before we will be able to begin again on a weekly basis. At Sacred Heart Church we always have two named adults who have been DBS checked to lead each week's Children Liturgy; so that is why we need more people to help out. It's a wonderful privilege to be a Children's Liturgy leader, as it's a real joy to be able to share the Gospel with our wonderful children. We would love to see many more children at Mass with their families and Children's Liturgy is a great way to make this happen. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Fr. Francis or Mike Crowther (*Mike's contact details are at the top of this bulletin.*)

ROSARY GROUP: the Rosary Group calls upon all our parish to collectively join them in praying the Rosary from their homes in order to bring about a swift end to the coronavirus. Hopefully, our combined efforts will be successful.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: The Christmas raffle raised £156.00 for Church funds. Many thanks to all those who supported it.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: Once again there will be sponsored flower arrangements this year. There will be no fresh flowers, but instructions and envelopes are at the back of Church for those who wish to sponsor the arrangements in memory of loved ones.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary every Saturday at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

BINGO: Sheila has re-opened the weekly Bingo sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: Thank you to all who attended the Christmas tombola and coffee morning last Sunday. You raised £211.00 well done.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Now that we have returned to regular masses and increased attendances, flowers will also return to the altar. Huge thanks to a kind parishioner for a truly generous donation to our depleted flower fund that has guaranteed a constant supply of flowers for months to come. The next problem is the lack of people to help with the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered No. 234331

weekly church decoration and we need a few volunteers please! I will be leaving the parish after Christmas and would be so grateful if there was somebody to whom I could hand over the “keys and the money”! Please contact me at church or on 0791 802 1328 if you can help - Una Blackburn

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: SS Peter & Paul's Children's Liturgy group is beginning again at 11.30am Mass on every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. All children are welcome.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP Thank you everyone for last Sunday's collection totalling £111.35 and for your response to both 'awareness' days. Your generosity enables us to satisfy the calls we receive for help. Any needs, please contact Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC.

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out not just for our country but the whole world, that, through the wisdom of medical experts and national leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured, lasting prosperity and relief from this pandemic may soon be achieved. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.