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27TH AUGUST 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

20/8/23 Wk 21 No. 134 T Crosby £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£184.35	107
SS Peter & Paul	£77.00	23

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. Sam or Rev. Chris and Rev. Jim.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: The demand for food from the Cupboard Love Foodbank slowly but surely increases. Flyers are being distributed around the households in the lower parts of Ashton to ensure that folks know of its existence. The school holidays are a challenging time for ensuring that youngsters get some healthy food each day. On delivering your donation envelopes this week to those running the Foodbank, they spoke of ..."your unimaginable generosity". Each small donation is like the trickling streams that fill a river of need. Thank you again and again for your quiet kindness that reaches out in such a practical way to our hungry neighbours. **Opening times for the Foodbank: Please see the poster at the back of Church.**

FR SAM'S HEALTH REGIME: Please will you help Fr Sam to lose a bit of weight over the next month? There is a sponsor form at the back of church. Please add your name and sponsor amount and we will let you know, after 1 month, how much weight he has lost. This will encourage Fr Sam along his path to fitness. Many thanks.

ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for August is **Vocations to the Priesthood and for the Priests of our Diocese.**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND MONTHLY ANNIVERSARIES: Please pass names & month of Anniversary to a member of our clergy.

REDEVELOPING LINKS WITH THE ASHTON COVENANTED CHURCHES: at the Public Parish meeting, I proposed taking an active role in re-developing links with our sister churches in Ashton to work more ecumenically together for our common faith and mission of keeping Christ in the community and bearing witness to him through the fantastic work and presence of our local church communities, which has been welcomed by many from different local churches who are keen to work with us. As a means of sharing ideas, notices and information, and keeping connected, I have set up a public Facebook group, which all are welcome to join by searching 'Ashton-on-Ribble Covenanted Churches' or following the link: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/179468798363039/?ref=share>. So far, we have over 80 members from different churches in Ashton and we are hoping to plan a local ecumenical event in the near future. If anyone has any ideas, thoughts or suggestions, please let me know – LUKE.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 7th September 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – next Sunday 3rd September after

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

Agnes McGuill, Nora Aherne and James Slater

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Sheila Pullman

(Names of Sick and Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

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.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th August <i>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God – Dominic Barberi</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Andrew Carmichael RIP
Sunday 27th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention A troubled family member
Monday 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen Gilbert RIP
Tuesday 29th August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 p.m.	Margaret & Bert Swarbrick RIP
Wednesday 30th August <i>Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Bernadette O'Brien
Thursday 31st August <i>St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Martha & Cecil Talor RIP
Friday 1st September <i>Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday 2nd September <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Rueben Brockbank (30 th Birthday)
Sunday 3rd September TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Rueben Brockbank (30 th Birthday) Martha & Cecil Taylor RIP Daughter's Health

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, 7th September in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: Tea and Coffee will be served in the porch after Sunday Mass. Please stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee morning will be on **Sunday 3rd September** after Mass. During the Coffee morning on 6th August, Clare and Jim Southworth ran a 'Pay what you want' sale and raised a staggering £112. This will be shared between the Cupboard Love Foodbank and SVP. Thank you to all who helped and supported them in this great venture.

BOOK STALL: Please bring any unwanted books for our sale of books in the Church Hall.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP: Our work continues as usual, but any needs or visits please let us know. Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL: Saturday 2nd Sept, beginning with Mass at 11am, followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession to Ladyewell for Benediction. **PLEASE SEE THE POSTER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT CLEATOR: Sunday 10th September 2023. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. See poster at the back of the church.

SPUC EVENING: You are warmly invited to attend an information evening organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which will be held at the SPUC Preston Office on Friday 8th September 2023 at 7pm. The office is located at Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS. Come along to hear about SPUC's current campaign on the issue of coerced abortion and to find out about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in to protect women and unborn children from the tragedy of abortion. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage local pro-lifers to form a new Preston SPUC Branch. For further information, please contact SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on 07549 068226 or at terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

ST MARY'S PILGRIMS WAY – SPONSORED WALK TO HELP THE POOREST OF THE POOR IN RWANDA:

Two trustees of the Rwanda Group Trust, Mark and Michael, are walking the 67 miles of St Mary's Way from Lancaster Cathedral to St Mary's shrine at Cleator. They are scheduled to arrive for the diocesan pilgrimage there on Sunday 10 September. They would be very grateful for sponsors as the needs are very great and funds are somewhat depleted – every penny raised goes direct to Rwanda as the charity has no overheads. If you feel able to donate, please see our website www.rwandagrouptrust.org or telephone Michael Donlan on 07864 990941.

PRESTON PEDALS

We have been approached by a community group called Preston Pedals, who help people get their bikes back in a roadworthy condition. They will also provide donated bikes for anyone wishing to start cycling and do not own a bike. Their session will be held on Thurs 31st Aug 1.30pm – 4pm. Please come along if you are interested. If you would like a donated bike, please email prestonpedals@outlook.com before the session and a bike will be provided for you. Please see the poster at the back of church.