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SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday 2 nd April	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 3 rd April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Favour Orji Okeke (Birthday)
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 4 th April	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9:30 am	
Tuesday 5 th April	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	James Banks RIP
Weds 6 th April	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	
Thursday 7 th April	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 8 th April	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	
Saturday 9 th April	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Doreen Lavery RIP
Sunday 10 th April PALM SUNDAY	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Birthday)
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

Sacred Heart Church – 1st & 3rd Sundays each Month

SS Peter & Paul Church – 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month

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
27 th March 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£223.73 £126.22	77 27	

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Sunday afternoon during Lent, Stations of the Cross are to be held at alternate churches. This week, 3rd April, this is being held at Sacred Heart Church

EASTER MASSES & SERVICES: Please see the poster at the back of church for all the Mass and Service times during the Easter Triduum. This year, there will be washing of feet at the Holy Thursday Mass at SS Peter & Paul Church. If you are able to volunteer for this, please see Fr Sam, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Chris. Ministers of the Word are also required for all three services. If you are able to read at any of the Masses/Services please see Fr Sam, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Chris. ***The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at 8pm.***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting with the children is **TODAY, Sunday 3rd April at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.**

CHURCH PROJECT: Total donation this tax year **£210**. 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. Sam 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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022-23: Gift Aid envelopes for the coming Tax year 2022-23 are available at the back of church. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please see Fr Sam or Rev Chris or Rev Jim for a form.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Continued thanks go out to all for your generous donations and prayers in support of the Cupboard Love Foodbank. In addition to a third Foodbank morning per month which enables those from Sacred Heart School to access the goods available more easily, a number of volunteers are now making up bags of produce to be hand-delivered to St Bernard's School. From here they are finding their way to those families in need that have been identified by the school.

SYNOD 2022/3: The minutes from the 3 Synod meetings are available at the back of church and also on the Parish Website www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk If all copies are gone from church, please speak to Fr Sam or Rev Chris for further copies to be printed.

DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: Please see the poster at the back of each church regarding this year's Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available – please see Fr Sam, Rev Chris, or Rev Jim for details. The closing date for bookings is 1st May 2022.

LENT SERIES 2022: AMDG: For the Greater Glory of God. A 5-week series that is part of the year-long celebrations marking the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. The evenings will be a mixture of live talks, videos, prayer, and reflection helping us to explore the life of St Ignatius and the impact he has made upon the Church and the world. **Thursdays 10th March – 7th April 7.30 -9.30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston.** This is a joint venture between St Wilfrid's and Metanoia Project.

CASTLERIGG MANOR EASTER RETREAT 2022: Castlerigg Manor's first open retreat for young people and young adults is happening this Easter. It runs from April 14-17th and it's just £85. It's open to anybody in Year 10+, up to age 25. A great chance to make some friends, deepen faith and explore the beauty of the Easter weekend together. For more information - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk. To book - <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/easter>

SOUP LUNCH: There is a monthly Soup lunch starting in Sacred Heart Community Centre on Friday 8th April. The cost is £1 which will go to CAFOD. It will begin at 11.30am with a short time of reflection and prayer and then plenty of time to chat over a bowl of soup and homemade bread. All welcome.

CAFOD: This notice has been received from CAFOD - Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian

Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER-

27th March 2022 – Wk 52 – No. 169 P McKeever £20

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: This is an appeal from Fr Sam ... During Lent he is asking for 4 volunteers to read at the 4 Sacred Heart Church weekday Masses, i.e. 1 reader for each day (Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning or Tuesday evening). If you are planning to attend a weekday Mass on a regular day during Lent, please could you consider reading on that day. Thank you for your consideration. Please either see Fr Sam or Rev Chris.

EASTER RAFFLE: This Sunday is the last chance to buy raffle tickets. We will draw the raffle, as last year, when we make up the hampers. Results will be available on Palm Sunday

EASTER FLOWERS: Once again we will be having sponsored flowers for Easter at Sacred Heart. The lists, instructions and envelopes are at the back of Church.

LADIES GUILD: The April meeting will be on Wed. April 6th at 6-45 in the Presbytery.

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.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary every Saturday (Except Christmas Day and New Year's Day) at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

BINGO: Bingo sessions are held on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP. The next SVP collection will be held next Sunday 3rd April, in both churches. Thank you for your generosity.