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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE				
Sacred Heart	£235.20	124		
SS Peter & Paul	£109.40	35		

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Congratulations to the first group of our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion today in Sacred Heart Church. Please remember them all in your prayers.

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.

<u>CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK:</u> The Cupboard Love Foodbank continues to benefit from your ongoing generosity. Tuesday openings will not be continuing into 2024. There will just be fortnightly Saturday sessions. For the dates please follow St Michaels website and Facebook pages https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchpreston and https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchpreston and https://www.stmichaelswithstmarkpreston.co.uk/

Anyone new wishing to volunteer at the foodbank should contact Paul.i.taylor345@gmail.com

<u>ROSARY:</u> The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for November is **The Holy Souls. May they Rest in Peace.**

<u>LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS MEAL:</u> If any lady would like to join us at the Golf Club meal on **Wednesday 6**th **December**, please put your name on the list at the back of Church and, take a menu and envelope. The cost is £16 for two courses or £20 for three. Payment and menu choices are needed by TODAY at the latest.

NOVEMBER LIST: November is the month of the Holy Souls. Envelopes are at the back of church for the November List. If you wish to remember someone, please put their name and Mass offering in one of the envelopes and hand it in to one of the clergy or put in the collection basket. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during November. The enclosed intentions will be announced over the following weeks and be annotated **November List.**

<u>CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT:</u> This year's concert will be next Sunday 3rd December at 2pm. Tickets £3 including light refreshments. (Accompanied children free.) There will be a raffle and bits and bobs stall. Tickets on sale after Mass.

<u>RETIREING COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER</u> – Youth Services

RETIREING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER – Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

<u>PARISH CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS:</u> Christmas Leaflets, showing all the Parish Christmas Masses and Services, are available at the back of Church. Please could you take some on your way out of church and post them through letterboxes of houses in your street, to advertise what is going on in our Parish over the Christmas period. Thank You.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Monica Jones, Hannagh Whelan and Sons

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

<u>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:</u> Sheila Pullman & George Woods

(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 25th November	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.		
St Catherine of Alexandria			NO MASS	
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.		
Sunday 26th November	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	God's Blessings on the Children receiving the	
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,			Body & Blood of Jesus for the first time in	
KING OF THE UNIVERSE			Holy Communion	
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Brigid Macaulay	
Monday 27th November				
	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Bill Beetham RIP	
Tuesday 28th November				
-	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Ivor Zadembski RIP	
Wednesday 29th November				
_	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	James Southworth RIP	
Thursday 30th November				
St Andrew	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.		
Friday 1st December	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	James Southworth RIP	
	Sacred Heart	10.30 a.m.	Funeral Service for Isaac McCann	
Saturday 2 nd December	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &	
The Blessed Virgin Mary			Rosary	
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	C J Winstanley – Safe delivery & good health	
Sunday 3 rd December	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Faith Orrell – For her Baptism in September	
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
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SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held this Thursday, **30**TH **November** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

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

<u>CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE:</u> There is a box at the back of Church for donations of Christmas food and drink. Raffle tickets on sale this week.

ASHTON COVENANTED CHURCHES WALKING NATIVITY & CAROL SING 9TH DEC: If you possibly can, please come to the planning meeting for this event on Friday evening 1st December at 5pm at St Michaels. Please bring any resources you may have e.g. nativity costumes, lanterns, torches, LED candles, High-viz jackets, props, musical instruments, microphone, church banners- anything at all.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

<u>COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA:</u> NEXT Sunday 3rd Dec with a Bumper Tombola. Any donations of bottles, chocolates, biscuits or toiletries may be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you. Monica

FOOD DONATIONS: Any food donations brought to church will now go to **Refugees at Talk English.** Cash donations will still go to the Cupboard Love food bank.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall -Thursday, 30TH November 2pm - 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

SS PETER & PAUL COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA – next Sunday 3rd December after Mass at SS Peter & Paul Church CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT – In Sacred Heart Community Centre next Sunday 3rd December at 2pm – Tickets on sale after Sunday Mass

LADIES GUILD MEAL - Wednesday 6th December.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP: If you would like a visit from any of our members or are lonely or housebound please contact Bernard Unsworth. 01772 875151

<u>CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS:</u> Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

<u>CAN ANYONE GIVE A HOME TO A PIANO:</u> One of our parishioners is looking for a home for a full size electric piano. It is a Casio Celviano model with many functions and comes with a piano stool. It will be ideal for a competent pianist and also for a beginner. For more information /details please speak to Annie our choir leader or ring 07539 100855.