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13TH AUGUST 2023

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

6/8/23 Wk 19 Pro Life £500

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£175.15	98
SS Peter & Paul	£182.73	33

JACKSON PEPPER WILL BECOME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN HE IS BAPTISED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER KATHLEEN GILBERT IN YOUR PRAYERS. HER FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN SACRED HEART THIS TUESDAY.

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 Priest of our Diocese.**

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

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

Agnes McGuill, Nora Aherne and James Slater
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 24th August
2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.**

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – on
Sunday 3rd September after Mass**

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 12th August <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	James Vasey & Kim Follows – God's Blessings on their marriage today
Sunday 13th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	James Slater RIP (Anniversary)
	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	1.00 p.m.	Baptism: Jackson James Pepper
Monday 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday 15th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	1.15 p.m.	Funeral Service for Kathleen Gilbert
	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 p.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP
Wednesday 16th August <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Exam Success
Thursday 17th August	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday 18th August	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	For a swift recovery
Saturday 19th August <i>St John Eudes</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	The Missions
Sunday 20th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	Martha and Cecil Taylor RIP

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, 24th August 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: Sunday's Coffee Morning raised an amazing £57.57 for our Parish Our next Coffee morning will be on **Sunday 3rd September** after Mass
BOOK STALL: Please bring any unwanted books for our sale of books in the Church Hall.

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 sessions will be held on Tues 22nd Aug 10am – 12.30pm & Thurs 31st Aug 1.30pm – 4pm. Please come along and join one of these sessions 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.

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.

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.

MARRIAGE CARE: Marriage Care is looking for married people who might consider volunteering with the charity. Most pressing at the moment in order to meet the demand for Marriage Preparation courses we are looking for new recruits who could give up to 3 Saturdays a year to present and facilitate our courses to couples. Full training is given, and experienced support is there working alongside to begin with. Couples and married individuals are most welcome to come forward. Please consider how your own experience of marriage could help those embarking on their own Catholic marriage. More information will be given here in the parish in the coming weeks or contact www.marriagecare.org.uk