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17TH MARCH 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Parry family
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Woolley Family
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Monday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Howard & Maskell families
Tuesday 19th March St Joseph	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Rowley & Manchester families
Wednesday 20th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Ellis Wells RIP, Ellen & Ted Cummings RIP
Thursday 21st March	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	November List
Friday 22nd March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Eileen Goss RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 23rd March St. Turibius of Mongrovejo	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: That Refugees and Asylum Seekers are treated with dignity and their Human Rights upheld)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	November List
Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Joe & Mary Barwise RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	For a Swift Recovery
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APPEAL FOR LENT SERVICES & EASTER MASSES: Please consider if you are able to take part in the following over the Easter Triduum.

- SS Peter & Paul Church – 6.30 pm Maundy Thursday – Reading, Psalm & Bidding Prayers – **1 person required.**
- Maundy Thursday - Washing of Feet – **12 People required.**
- Sacred Heart Church – 10 a.m. Good Friday – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - **3 Readers required.**
- Sacred Heart Church - 11 a.m. Good Friday – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross – **2 Readers required.**
- SS Peter & Paul Church - 3 p.m. Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – **1 Reader required.**
- Sacred Heart Church - 10 a.m. Holy Saturday – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer – **3 Readers required.**
- SS Peter & Paul Church - 8 p.m. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass – **4 Readers required.**

PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME TO A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY IF YOU CAN TAKE PART ON ANY OCCASION

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 28TH March, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

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.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

10/3/24 Wk 50 No. 57 Peter Ferguson £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£212.95	127
SS Peter & Paul	£127.35	43

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Please see the poster in the church porch showing the work made possible by your continued donations. Thank you, once again, for your continued generosity. For the dates, please follow St Michaels website and Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchpreston> and <https://www.stmichaelswithstmarkpreston.co.uk/> Anyone new wishing to volunteer at the foodbank should contact Paul.j.taylor345@gmail.com

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **Thursday 21st March** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place alternately in our churches each Sunday from this afternoon. Please see the notice, in the porch, of all times for Stations of the Cross and the Easter Triduum.

SCAFFOLDING AROUND SACRED HEART CHURCH: Scaffolding is being erected around Sacred Heart Church in readiness for the work on the guttering. Please take care when walking past the church. It will be in place for several months.

FOOD DONATIONS in SS Peter & Paul Church: 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.

MISSIO: Please could you also bring your red boxes to church to be emptied during March. Please give them to one of the clergy, and they will be returned to you the following Sunday. Many thanks. Janice

LADIES GUILD: An enormous change was decided by the current Ladies Guild members. The Ladies Guild has now been updated, and from this month a new group has been established called '**Friends of St John Paul 2 Parish**' and it will be a all-inclusive group. So, this group will now be open to all Parishioners for the planning of Outings, Fundraising and some fun events. Please consider becoming part of this new group and bring your ideas of how you would like to move forward with events in your Parish. The first meeting will be held in the Presbytery on Wednesday 3rd April at 6.45pm. Please come along.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Our Parish is in urgent need of a Safeguarding Rep. We must have one as it is a stipulation from that Diocese. Please could you consider whether you could take on this important Parish role. Full training and support will be given to you. If you feel you could fulfil this role please see Fr Sam, Deacon Chris or Deacon Jim. Many thanks for your consideration.

PARISH EVENTS

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS in Sacred Heart Church Tea and Coffee is served in the porch after Sunday Mass. Please stay on a Sunday and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. If you stay for coffee/tea each week, would you please consider helping Nicola & Paul on a rota bases. It is a big commitment for just 2 people every week. If you can help, please speak to Nicola or Paul after Mass. Thankyou.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next bingo session will be held on **Thursday, 28th March** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

EASTER RAFFLE in Sacred Heart Church: We will be having our usual Easter Egg and chocolate raffle this Easter. There is a box for donations at the back of Church. Raffle tickets are on sale after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

SPONSORED FLOWERS FOR EASTER in Sacred Heart Church: There will be Sponsored flowers again this Easter in Sacred Heart Church. Details available this week at the back of church. Please select your chosen arrangement and put the money an envelope. Many thanks. This money helps to provide the flowers in church during the year.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Goss & Gordon Kay
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, George Woods and Bernard Coupe
(Names of Sick and Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

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**

DIocese CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: As part of the Centenary Celebrations, Dr Paul Severn has written a booklet called 'The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster'. This will be launched on Tuesday 9th April – see the poster at the back of the church.

PILGRIMAGE TO WASINGHAM: This is a Diocese event, which is taking place from 2nd – 6th September 2024. Dependent on accommodation type the all-inclusive cost is no more than £500.00 per person. Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742732 or email charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024. £899.00 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights, in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.