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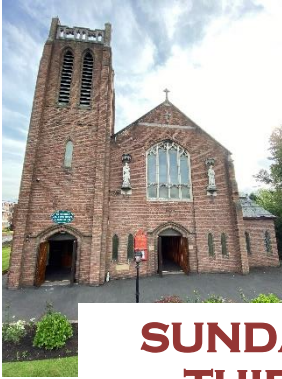
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SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Saturday 8 th January	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Cure for Mental Illness
Sunday 9 th January THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	<i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Return to Church of family members People of the Parish Baptism: Poppy-Grace Taylor
Monday 10 th January	<i>Sacred Heart</i>		NO MASS
Tuesday 11 th January	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Julia & Cornelis Veenstra
Weds 12 th January	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Successful Operation
Thursday 13 th January	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Friday 14 th January	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Mary Abram
Saturday 15 th January	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Cure for Mental Illness
Sunday 16 th January FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	<i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Veronica Fogherty RIP People of the Parish

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
2 nd January 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£220.20 £120.00	67 38	£10

Congratulations to Poppy-Grace Taylor, who is joining our church family when she is Baptised today in SS Peter & Paul Church. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Names of eligible children (year 4 and upwards) are requested for next year's First Holy Communion Programme. Please see the letter of introduction on the parish website www.stjohnpaul2parish.org.uk and at the back of each church.

CHURCH PROJECT: Total donation this tax year **£200**. 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. Francis 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.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: We offer our continuing gratitude for your donations to the 'Cupboard Love Food Bank'. It is helping so many local families in need at this difficult time. Please continue to support this very worthy cause if you can by using the envelopes at the back of our churches for your donations. Our grateful thanks to you all.

ST JOHN PAUL II DIOCESAN SURVEY-YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR VIEW:

Following the pastoral letter from Bishop Paul introducing the Vatican Synod, we need to hear the opinions of all our parishioners, on the role of the Catholic Church today and what it should be in the future. To this end, it is suggested that a series of discussion meetings take place, so that we can accurately represent the views of our parish family, to the diocese. These meetings will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 7.15pm – 8.15pm on the following dates:

11th January – this Tuesday

18th January

25th January

This Tuesday, 11th January, sees the first of our discussion meetings for the Vatican Synod. The broad focus for this week's meeting is '**Community**' and we will be considering the following three questions:

- Do you feel connected to the church community?
- Do you feel that the church community listens to you?
- Do you feel able to speak freely and openly to other church members?

Please consider these points and if you are able to attend, come and share your ideas. If you are not able to attend but still wish to contribute, please write your thoughts down and put them (anonymously if you'd prefer) into the offertory plate next week. All opinions and views are valid and welcome.

It may be that in your mind, the initial three points above raise more questions than answers – that's fine, please come and share them with us.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH 200 CLUB WINNER:

9/1/22 Wk 41 No: 98 L Winder £20

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

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: Sheila has re-opened the weekly Bingo sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Now that we have returned to regular masses and increased attendances, flowers will also return to the altar. Huge thanks to a kind parishioner for a truly generous donation to our depleted flower fund that has guaranteed a constant supply of flowers for months to come. The next problem is the lack of people to help with the weekly church decoration and we need a few volunteers please! I will be leaving the parish after Christmas and would be so grateful if there was somebody to whom I could hand over the "keys and the money"! Please contact me at church or on 0791 802 1328 if you can help - Una Blackburn

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: SS Peter & Paul's Children's Liturgy group will begin again at 11.30a.m. Mass on 13th February and then every 2nd & 4th Sunday afterwards.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP. Thank you for your continuing support as we deal with requests for help or assistance. Kindly note that our next church door collections will be on Sunday 6th February. Any needs, please contact Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC.

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out not just for our country but the whole world, that, through the wisdom of medical experts and national leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured, lasting prosperity and relief from this pandemic may soon be achieved. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.