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**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	Martha & Cecil Taylor
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January <i>St John Bosco</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Norma Cronin
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Gerard McCabe
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February <i>St Blaise</i>	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Mental Illness
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Mental Illness
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February <i>St Agatha</i>	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Lily Abram RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Agnes & Tony McKeever
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	12.30 p.m.	<b>Baptism:</b> Conor & Rowan Smith

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](http://www.stjohnpaul2preston.co.uk)*

## PARISH NEWS

**FR. FRANCIS' DEPARTURE:** It is with considerable sadness that we have to say goodbye to Fr. Francis after more than seven years in our parish. He will be taking up a new appointment at the end of the month as parish priest at the church of St. Agatha, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. As he moves on to the next chapter in his life, we offer him our sincere thanks for all the work he has done during his time with us and may God bless, guide and watch over him in his new ministry.

**FR. SAM'S ARRIVAL:** From the beginning of February Fr. Sam Ofia, MSP, will be joining us as our parish priest from the church of The Annunciation and St. Augustine in Bellingham, an area within the Borough of Lewisham in South-East London. Let us offer Fr. Sam a very warm welcome on his arrival and help him to settle in and speedily get to know his new pastoral community.

**Mr McMANNAMON:** We learnt this week of the death of Don McMannamon (Mr. Mac). Don was headteacher at Sacred Heart school in the 70s and 80s. Our prayers go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

DATE	CHURCH	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH PROJECT
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£260.73 £125.10	110 41	

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (SPUC);** Last week's White Flower Appeal raised a total of £168.31. Thank you all for your generosity.

**MISSION APPEAL:** This weekend we welcome a priest from the Spiritans who will be celebrating Mass for us and making an appeal.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The first meeting with parents took place on Thursday evening this week and the first meeting with the children is planned for **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**. If your child is eligible for the next First Holy Communion programme, please

see the letter of introduction on the parish website [www.stjohnpaul2parish.org.uk](http://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:** Your continued generosity is so greatly appreciated. Several hundred pounds have now been raised from our Parish. Envelopes are still available at the back of each church. Blessings for all your donations and prayers.

**SYNOD 2022/3:** Thank you to those who were able to attend the parish synod discussion last Tuesday, or any of the previous sessions. All contributions were thoughtful and very welcome.

Minutes from the meetings will be available within church and on the website, as will the opportunity to add extra comments and thoughts, if you were unable to attend the meetings.

All contributions were and are greatly received and will be put forward to the diocese. As well as points for the Vatican synod, the meetings also raised interesting, useful and practical ideas, which will provide great opportunities for the present and future of our own parish. It is hoped that further meetings will take place in order to put these into practice and include as many of us as possible. Further details and dates will follow.

**THIS WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER IS –**

**23/1/22 Wk 44 Aiden McKeever £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.

**LADIES' GUILD:** The annual Jacob's Join will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 9, Victoria Parade at 7-30 pm. Please note the change of time and venue. Don't forget your present costing no more than £3!

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> February and then every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*