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**4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**200 CLUB DRAW**

28/1/24 Wk 44 No. 200 J McKeever £20

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£193.00	126
SS Peter & Paul	£108.00	31

**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:** Please see the poster in the church porch showing the work made possible by your continued donations. Many, many families have benefitted from your kindness. Our thanks go to the amazing team of volunteers putting kindness into action. We hope to provide further help in January when the result of Christmas expenditure often bites the hardest. Blessings on you all for your 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](mailto:Paul.j.taylor345@gmail.com)

**FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm.**

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for February is **The Missionary Society of St. Paul.**

**LADIES GUILD MEETING:** The next Ladies' Guild meeting is on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6-45pm in the Presbytery. This is our annual Jacob's Join. We will have a Secret Santa sack, presents of no more than £5 value.

**MSP APPEAL:** Last week's appeal has raised £332.60 so far. Fr Sam would like to thank you all for your generosity.

**WORLD LEPROSY DAY:** There will be a retiring collection for Lepra **THIS Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

**FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.**

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February after Mass – ALL WELCOME**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Presbytery.**

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Olive Ferguson and Arthur 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**

(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**

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>St Blaise</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b> <b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Christine Ferguson and Hector and Florence McDonald RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> <b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Deceased members of the Sutcliffe & Worrall families Deceased members of the Leeming and Hindle families
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St Agatha</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Kenneth, Dorothy & Andrew Owens RIP
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Deceased members of the Henry Family RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Jimmy Fallon RIP & Rosaleen Wainwright RIP
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St Jerome Emiliani</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Requiem Mass for Bedelia Hayes
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Deceased members of the Elcox & Cross families RIP
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>St Scholastica</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b> <b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Deceased members of the Healy family RIP
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> <b>11.30 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of a Grandchild People of the Parish

**SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, **15<sup>th</sup> February** 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.

**PALMS:** Please bring any palms you many have at home, into church. These will be burnt to be used on Ash Wednesday, next week.. Thank you.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS**

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee morning will be **TODAY, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** after Mass. All Welcome

**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.

**PRAYERS CARDS FOR UKRAINE:** Please take a prayer card from the back of church for Prayers for Ukraine. Caritas are asking for your support. For further information please see their website <https://sjoq-homesforukraine.uk> or email [homesforukraine@sjoq.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjoq.org.uk)

**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  
**RWANDA GROUP TRUST NEWSLETTER:** There are printed copies of this months Rwanda Group Trust Newsletter at the back of the church.

**STELLA MARIS** (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding a special Mass for seafarers and fishers, to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12.15pm at The Cathedral Church of St Peter, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3B. It will be followed by a reception. This is the first Mass of its kind in the Lancaster Diocese. All Parishioners are invited to attend. Please email [Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org) to confirm attendance.

**WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL REUNION:** The annual reunion will take place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024** from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive. Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

**THE VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** On **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> February** please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)