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**6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

#### 200 CLUB DRAW

30/7/23 Wk 18 No. 59 J Slater £20

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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| Sacred Heart    | £213.41 | 99 |
| SS Peter & Paul | £123.00 | 36 |

**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.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL:** A date for your diary – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, beginning with Mass at 11am at St Mary's Church followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession to Ladyewell for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**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.

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

#### FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.  
**LADIES GUILD – Afternoon tea at Marie's House at**  
2.30pm  
**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church –**  
**THIS Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August after Mass**

#### 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

#### 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.

**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

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| <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Dedication of Basilica of St Major</b>                                   | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>                               | <b>10.30 a.m.</b>                      | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary<br>In Thanksgiving for Prayers answered                                |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>  | <b>Sacred Heart</b><br><b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>        | <b>10.00 a.m.</b><br><b>11.30 a.m.</b> | Kathy & David – In Thanksgiving<br>Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention                                 |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>St Edmund Arrowsmith, St Ambrose Barlow &amp; comps. Lancaster Martyrs</b> | <b>Sacred Heart</b>                                      | <b>9.30 a.m.</b>                       | Joan Campbell RIP   |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>St Dominic</b>  | <b>Sacred Heart</b>                                      | <b>6.30 p.m.</b>                       | Andrew Carmichael RIP   |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b>                                    | <b>Sacred Heart</b>                                      | <b>9.30 a.m.</b>                       | Bill & Val Morgan – Special Intention   |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>St Lawrence</b>   | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>                               | <b>10.00 a.m.</b>                      | Exam Success  |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>St Clare</b>  | <b>Sacred Heart</b>                                      | <b>9.30 a.m.</b>                       | People of the Parish  |
| <b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>St Jane Frances de Chantal</b>  | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b><br><b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> | <b>10.30 a.m.</b><br><b>11.00 a.m.</b> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary<br>James Vasey & Kim Follows – God's Blessings on their marriage today |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                                    | <b>Sacred Heart</b><br><b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>        | <b>10.00 a.m.</b><br><b>11.30 a.m.</b> | Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention<br>James Slater RIP (Anniversary)                                  |

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held this Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** Our next Coffee morning will be THIS Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 10am – 12.30pm & Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:prestonpedals@outlook.com) before the session and a bike will be provided for you. Please see the poster inside this newsletter and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)