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**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Sheila O'Donoghue RIP
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i> <i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Marie Mohan RIP <b>Baptism:</b> Edward Isherwood & Harry Law
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9:30 am	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Iris Mawdsley RIP
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Eileen Goss RIP
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i> <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	People of the Parish Stuart Rogers RIP <b>Baptism:</b> Harriet Iddon

**SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS**

Sacred Heart Church – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each Month

SS Peter & Paul Church – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each Month

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

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

DATE	CHURCH	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH PROJECT
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£189.74 £144.90	85	

***BAPTISM:*** This week we welcome Edward Isherwood and Harry Law into our Parish community as they are Baptised at Sacred Heart Church. Please pray for these children and their families as they begin to walk in the Lord's footsteps.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS:*** Each Sunday afternoon during Lent, Stations of the Cross are to be held at alternate churches. This week, 20<sup>th</sup> March is being held at Sacred Heart Church.

***EASTER MASSES & SERVICES:*** Please see the poster at the back of church for all the Mass and Service times during the Easter Triduum. This year, there will be washing of feet at the Holy Thursday Mass at SS Peter & Paul Church. If you are able to volunteer for this, please see Fr Sam, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Chris. Ministers of the Word are also required for all three services. If you are able to read at any of the Masses/Services please see Fr Sam, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Chris.

***FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:*** The first meeting with the children is planned for this **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.** If your child is eligible for this 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 **£210.** 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. Sam 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.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022-23:** Gift Aid envelopes for the coming Tax year 2022-23 are available at the back of church. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please see Fr Sam or Rev Chris or Rev Jim for a form.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK:** Thank you for your generous donations – Envelopes are available at the back of church.

**SYNOD 2022/3:** The minutes from the 3 Synod meetings are available at the back of church and also on the Parish Website [www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk](http://www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk) If all copies are gone from church, please speak to Fr Sam or Rev Chris for further copies to be printed.

**DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022:** Please see the poster at the back of each church regarding this year's Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available – please see Fr Sam, Rev Chris or Rev Jim for details. The closing date for bookings is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**LENT SERIES 2022: AMDG: For the Greater Glory of God.** A 5-week series that is part of the year-long celebrations marking the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. The evenings will be a mixture of live talks, videos, prayer, and reflection helping us to explore the life of St Ignatius and the impact he has made upon the Church and the world. **Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 -9.30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston.** This is a joint venture between St Wilfrid's and Metanoia Project.

**ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:** St. Bernard's Catholic Primary School are currently looking for a new foundation governor. Governors come in all shapes and sizes but it is important that each governing body has a good mix of skills, knowledge and experiences. Not all governing bodies need the same skills, to be successful, it is vital that individuals from all backgrounds volunteer to be a Foundation Governor. This commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending three full governor meetings per year and serving on at least one committee. The committees will focus on areas such as finance, curriculum, pupil progress and site management & usually meet once a term. The Diocesan Education Service provide free training and support in all aspects of school governance & you will be encouraged to attend training sessions. Any practising Catholic over the age of 18 can become a Foundation Governor. For more information, please contact Fr. Sam or St. Bernard's direct on 01772 728153.

**CASTLERIGG MANOR EASTER RETREAT 2022:** Castlerigg Manor's first open retreat for young people and young adults is happening this Easter. It runs from April 14-17th and it's just £85. It's open to anybody in Year 10+, up to age 25. A great chance to make some friends, deepen faith and explore the beauty of the Easter weekend together. For more information - [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk). To book - <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/easter> See the Poster at the back of church.

**SAVICK LIBRARY:** Whilst reconstruction is ongoing on Savick Estate, the library is operating from Children's Centre located in the grounds of Ashton Primary School, 1- 30pm to 4-30pm Mon, Wed and Fridays.

**SOUP LUNCH:** From Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, a Soup Lunch will be held in the Sacred Heart Hall from 11.30a.m. It will begin with a short period of Reflection and Prayer, followed by a lunch of bread and Soup - £1 per person, with the proceeds going to CAFOD. Please come and join us.

**THIS WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER WILL BE DRAWN**

**AFTER 10am MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH – and every week in future.**

**Details of the winner next week – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE**

### **SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:** This is an appeal from Fr Sam ... During Lent he is asking for 4 volunteers to read at the 4 Sacred Heart Church weekday Masses, i.e. 1 reader for each day (Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning or Tuesday evening). If you are planning to attend a weekday Mass on a regular day during Lent, please could you consider reading on that day. Thank you for your consideration. Please either see Fr Sam or Rev Chris.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Once again we will be having a chocolate raffle for Easter, all proceeds for Parish projects. There is a box at the back of Church for donations of Easter Eggs and chocolate. Tickets are on sale today, after Mass, price £1 per strip. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Will be held today and every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

### **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:** Bingo sessions are held on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

### **GENERAL NEWS**

**SVP.** Thank you for your continued support which helps us to assist many needs for any such or just a visit please contact Bernard Unsworth, 01772875151