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## SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023 MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Peter Molloy RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <i>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Special Intention
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	Dec'd members of the Blackburn family
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <i>St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9:30 a.m.	Dec'd members of Haigh, O'Keefe & McKeone families
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 p.m.	Dec'd members of the Carmichael & Plint families
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Kay Slater RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January <i>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Julie & Cornelius Veenstra RIP
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> January <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Souls (Nov list)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Patricia Wright (nee Waters) RIP
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	RIP for Hector & May McDonald & Tom, Jenny & Christine Ferguson

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

In both of our churches the Children's Liturgy group will be held on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 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.

From next week the format of the weekly bulletin will be changing. We are adding a section for prayers for the **sick and housebound** and also for **Anniversaries** of Deceased members of our families and community. If you would like to have someone remembered, please pass their name (and Anniversary date if applicable) to a member of our clergy. (**Names of Sick and Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family**). Thank you.

The weekly bulletin can be viewed on our Parish Facebook page and also on-line @ [www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk](http://www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk)

PARISH NEWS				
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE				
DATE	CHURCH	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH PROJECT
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Sacred Heart	£584.00	Vigil Mass 119	
	SS Peter & Paul	£135.00	Christmas Day 80	

**CHURCH PROJECT:** Total donation this tax year **£285.90** 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.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK:** £400 of our donations have been used to add treats to the food bags for the schools. This has covered chocolate variety boxes and chocolate coins. The aim is to also include tins of soup and tinned fruit. You are brightening Christmas time for the needy in our midst.

**KNITTED/CROCHET SQUARES:** A massive thankyou to all the knitters and crocheters who have made and donated dozens and dozens of 6inch squares. These have been stitched together by willing needlewomen. Pictures in the church porch. Two full sized bed blankets will be handed to the SVP to add warmth to a couple of folk in need. The knee blankets are ready and waiting for any amongst us who would appreciate an extra layer of warmth during these chilly times. Please approach Annie, Janice, or Marie if you or someone you know can use one. We will link with other charities to find homes for those left over. We do not need any more squares. Thank you again for your time and kindness.

**WARM SPACES INITIATIVE:** SS Peter & Paul church hall will open as a warm space on a Tuesday in the near future.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2023:** Diocesan Directories are available for £6. Please see Fr Sam, Rev Chris, or Rev Jim if you would like to purchase a copy.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (SPUC) 2023:** There will be an appeal for SPUC on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** after Sunday Mass in both of our churches.

**THE SPIRE AT NIGHT:** An opportunity to climb St. Walburges spire next 7th, 14th, 21st January 2023 from 4pm to 8pm. All proceeds will go to assist in the maintenance of this structure and especially the restoration of our amazing Rose Window. Every 45 minutes, 15 people will be able to climb the 172 steps, tours of the Church will be offered, and refreshments served in the Hall. Children over 7 years welcome. The times of access are 4 pm to 8pm and ticket price is £10 (plus eventbrite fee). Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spire-at-night-tickets-469175465447?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> where you can select your date. There will not be any sales on the door.

**LAST WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER**  
**25/12/22 Wk 39 No 132 J Swarbrick £500**  
**Congratulations Jean**

### **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.

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION:** Would you and your family like to take part in the Offertory Procession on a Rota Basis. If you wish to join in, please speak to Rev Chris.

**BINGO:** A group of Ladies have requested that the Bingo restarts in the Sacred Heart Centre. It is possibly planned for a Thursday afternoon. Would anyone interested in joining this group to either co-ordinate it, help to run it or just to take part, please contact the Parish office on 07745909869. All are welcome and this could then become a warm space for the winter.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Winning numbers are displayed in Church, please collect your prizes.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS:** Tea and Coffee will be served in the porch after Sunday Mass again this week. Please stay for a cuppa and a chat before venturing into the cold morning.

### SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary every Saturday at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

**BINGO:** Please come and join in the Bingo in SS Peter & Paul church hall at 2pm every Tuesday afternoon from this week. Come along and keep warm.

### GENERAL NEWS

**SVP:** We wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year and thank you for your support throughout 2022. Our work goes on and increases but we will keep to our quarterly collections and ask you to note our next collection date which is Sunday 22nd January.

**HYNING HALL:** Hyning Hall has been refurbished and is now fully reopened. A Link to their programme of events can be found on our website and also on <https://www.bernardine.org/hyning-programme>

### FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

Every Tuesday	Bingo from 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	2pm in SS Peter & Paul Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	White Flower Appeal	Sunday Mass in both churches

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

