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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW
31/3/24 No. 129 P Seed £20
There is a list of this year's winners at the back of church
(Please see the 200 club flier in this bulletin)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£445.95	149 + 45 at the Easter Vigil Mass
SS Peter & Paul	£186.05	51

7TH APRIL 2024



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	John Flanagan RIP (Anniversary) Jean & Gerry Swarbrick (65 th Wedding Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Reilly family
Monday 8th April THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Bob & Monica Jones RIP
Tuesday 9th April Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Paul Swarbrick	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the O'Keeffe, McKeone, McGrath, Haig & Carroll families
Wednesday 10th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Tim Bickerton RIP
Thursday 11th April St Stanislaus	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Friday 12th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Goss, Spaulding and Haddlesey families
Saturday 13th April St Martin I	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Christian Unity)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Thomas & Teresa Hardiker (April Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	George & Winefride Sargent RIP

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Tangible Easter joy for the needy in our community. £500.00 of your donations together with £200.00 from a Preston City Council grant as well as foodstuffs from the Cupboard Love store, have enabled the filling of 70 food bags for needy families of Sacred Heart school. The children from the school council chose food and toiletries for each bag, went along to purchase some of the supplies and enthusiastically helped to fill the 70 bags. The bags were distributed on Maundy Thursday. Your continued generosity has brought tangible Easter joy to so many in need. It has also kindled the spirit of community kindness amongst many of our schoolchildren. Your kindness and prayers bring blessings in abundance. 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

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **THIS Thursday 11th April in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm.**

SCAFFOLDING AROUND SACRED HEART CHURCH: Scaffolding is being erected around Sacred Heart Church in readiness for the work on the guttering. Please take care when walking past the church. It will be in place for several months.

FOOD DONATIONS in SS Peter & Paul Church: 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.

MISSIO: a further £30 has been donated so the grand total is £314.34 for Missio Missions

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA: Fr Moussa Serge will be joining **NEXT Sunday 14th April** to appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass that day, following this appeal.

GLORIA: During the Easter Season a new 'Gloria' will be sung at Sacred Heart on a Sunday. Please join the choir singing:
Gloria in Excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: *Our Parish is in urgent need of a Safeguarding Rep.* We must have one as it is a stipulation from the Diocese. Please could you consider whether you could take on this important Parish role. Full training and support will be given to you. If you feel you could fulfil this role please see Fr Sam, Deacon Chris or Deacon Jim. Many thanks for your consideration.

PARISH EVENTS

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS in Sacred Heart Church: To all of you who enjoy a cuppa, biscuit and a sweet after Mass, thank you for your support, donations and kind words. However, we need some help. Due to other commitments, from Easter Sunday, tea after mass will be every fortnight and not every week – unless you can come to our assistance and look after the alternate weeks. If we can work together, refreshments could be every week but the individual commitment could be once a month. If you can, please chat to any of us before or after mass. Thanks from Nicola, Alan, Paul and Catherine.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next bingo session will be held **THIS Thursday, 11th April** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

EASTER RAFFLE in Sacred Heart Church: Please check the winning numbers for the Easter prizes.

BOILER FUND: We have received a further £100 towards the Boiler Fund. Thank you for your generosity. If you are able donate to this fund, please put it into an envelope marked 'boiler fund' and place in the offertory.

FATHER SAM THANKS YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS AND GIFTS AND YOUR SUPPORT OVER EASTER

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 11th April, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

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**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: This is a Diocese event, which is taking place from 2nd – 6th September 2024. Dependent on accommodation type the all-inclusive cost is no more than £500.00 per person. Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742732 or email charlie.conner@lrhc.org.uk.

Thank You to everyone who supported the first Ashton Covenanted Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness last week, following a reflective, ecumenical stations of the cross in Sacred Heart. It was lovely to see so many people from our parish, St Michael's and West Preston Methodist Church get involved and bear witness to our faith and Lord in the local area on the day of His passion. It is hoped that this will now be an annual event.

If anyone has any other ideas and suggestions, or would like to get involved in any way, please let me know. God bless, Luke Eidsforth (Ashton Covenanted Churches Coordinator).



GIFT AID: A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2023/24 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you have notified your parish.

We understand finance is stretched at the present time, but this scheme costs you nothing. All monies are gratefully received, especially at the present time with all the building work and new boiler requirements. If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your offerings. Many thanks

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.