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SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 4 th December	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Patrick Lynch RIP
Sunday 5 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Dec'd members of the Munnelly family
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 6 th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>		NO MASS
Tuesday 7 th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Victims of Abortion & Euthanasia
Wednesday 8 th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Margaret Gilleran
Thursday 9 th December <i>St John Diago Cuauhtlatatzin</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	NO MASS
Friday 10 th December <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Patrick Lynch RIP
	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.30 a.m.	Funeral Service for Myra Barbara Harding
Saturday 11 th December <i>St Damasus I</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Neil Prince
Sunday 12 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	James Montgomery RIP

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

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

DATE	CHURCH	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH PROJECT
28 th November 2021	Sacred Heart	£161.48	70	
	SS Peter & Paul	£141.80	50	

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Names of eligible children (year 4 and upwards) are requested for next year's First Holy Communion Programme. Please see the letter of introduction on the parish website www.stjohnpaul2parish.org.uk and at the back of each church.

CHURCH PROJECT: Total donation this tax year **£180**. 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. Francis 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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTIES: We have watched with concern the emergence of the new Covid variant, the growing number of cases and the advice to take increased precautions to minimise the risk of contagion. Coupled with this, we feel that this Christmas, most households are in a safer position than last year, hopefully enabling them to celebrate their Christmas safely as a family together. With heavy hearts we have therefore taken the decision to cancel the Christmas parties on 11th December. We do not want to provide a platform for a potential

increased spread of the virus so close to Christmas, jeopardising peoples' wellbeing just before the Christmas holiday period. We pray and hope that perhaps the springtime will allow for celebrations and festivities to re-emerge when the weather is warmer, and we can be together with some outdoor space as well; hopefully more people will be covered by vaccination safety by then. We are sad to take this decision. We believe it is the safest course of action. We send warmest wishes for your Christmastide and the safety and wellbeing of you all.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH 200 CLUB WINNER:

5/12/21 Wk 36 M Woodhouse £20

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Fr. Francis has asked that Children's Liturgy be started again at the 10.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. At the moment we only have two people who are able to lead Children's Liturgy, so we do need some more volunteers before we will be able to begin again on a weekly basis. At Sacred Heart Church we always have two named adults who have been DBS checked to lead each week's Children Liturgy; so that is why we need more people to help out. It's a wonderful privilege to be a Children's Liturgy leader, as it's a real joy to be able to share the Gospel with our wonderful children. We would love to see many more children at Mass with their families and Children's Liturgy is a great way to make this happen. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Fr. Francis or Mike Crowther (*Mike's contact details are at the top of this bulletin.*)

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.

LADIES GUILD: Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas hamper raffle. The raffle will be drawn after Mass on Sunday 12th Dec. **Tickets will be on sale this Sunday after 10a.m. Mass today**

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS MEAL: For those travelling by taxi, the taxi will pick up from the Centre car park at 6-40

QUIZ NIGHT: The recent Quiz Night raised £200 for Derian House, many thanks to all those who worked or supported the event.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: Once again there will be sponsored flower arrangements this year. There will be no fresh flowers, but instructions and envelopes are at the back of Church for those who wish to sponsor the arrangements in memory of loved ones.-

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: Sheila has re-opened the weekly Bingo sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: Due to the exceptional generosity of the Parishioners of SS Peter & Paul the Christmas Coffee morning is not to be missed. The Christmas coffee morning and bumper tombola is being held after Mass **THIS SUNDAY 5th December**. All welcome.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Now that we have returned to regular masses and increased attendances, flowers will also return to the altar. Huge thanks to a kind parishioner for a truly generous donation to our depleted flower fund that has guaranteed a constant supply of flowers for months to come. The next problem is the lack of people to help with the weekly church decoration and we need a few volunteers please! I will be leaving the parish after Christmas and would be so grateful if there was somebody to whom I could hand over the "keys and the money"! Please contact me at church or on 0791 802 1328 if you can help - Una Blackburn

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: SS Peter & Paul's Children's Liturgy group is beginning again at 11.30am Mass on every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. All children are welcome.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP Our monthly collection will be this Sunday, 5th Dec and members will be at Sacred Heart ready to answer any 'awareness' questions and to give general activity information. Any needs, please contact Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC.

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out not just for our country but the whole world, that, through the wisdom of medical experts and national leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured, lasting prosperity and relief from this pandemic may soon be achieved. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.