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24TH DECEMBER 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

17/12/23 Wk 38 No 30 B Smith £20
This week the draw is for £500 – Good luck everyone.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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| Sacred Heart | £462.75 | 138 |
| SS Peter & Paul | £158.00 | 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 or Rev. Jim.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Please see the poster in the church porch showing the work made possible by your continued donations. Many, many families have benefitted from your kindness. Our thanks go to the amazing team of volunteers putting kindness into action. We hope to provide further help in January when the result of Christmas expenditure often bites the hardest. Blessings on you all for your generosity. 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

ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for December is *Peace in our Troubled World*.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 23rd – 30th July 2024. The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22nd July – 1st August 2024. For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk and for the youth email youth@lancaster.co.uk Please see the posters in the church porch. Please see Fr Sam for a Booking form.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGuill and James Montgomery
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Sheila Pullman & George Woods
(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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| Saturday 23rd December | SS Peter & Paul | 10.30 a.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary |
| | SS Peter & Paul | 11.00 a.m. | Deceased MSPs |
| Sunday 24th December FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT Day Of Prayer for Expectant Mothers | Sacred Heart | 10.00 a.m. | Deceased family of E Monks |
| | SS Peter & Paul | 11.30 a.m. | Kathleen McCarney RIP |
| CHRISTMAS VIGIL | Sacred Heart | 5.30 p.m. | Carol Singing & Children's Tableaux |
| | Sacred Heart | 6.00 p.m. | Andrew Carmichael RIP & Margaret Gilleran RIP |
| Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | Sacred Heart | 10.00 a.m. | The Eidsforth Family |
| | SS Peter & Paul | 11.30 a.m. | Joan Campbell RIP |
| Tuesday 26th December St Stephen | Sacred Heart | 6.30 p.m. | People of the Parish |
| Wednesday 27th December St John | Sacred Heart | 9.30 a.m. | Deceased relatives and friends of Ethel Monks |
| Thursday 28th December The Holy Innocents | SS Peter & Paul | 10.00 a.m. | Paul & Joan Doherty - Christmas Blessings |
| Friday 29th December St Thomas Becket | Sacred Heart | 9.30 a.m. | Deceased members of the Southworth family |
| Saturday 30th December | SS Peter & Paul | 10.30 a.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary |
| | SS Peter & Paul | 11.00 a.m. | Peter Molloy RIP (Anniversary) |
| Sunday 31st December THE HOLY FAMILY | Sacred Heart | 10.00 a.m. | Elizabeth & Ellen Fisher |
| | SS Peter & Paul | 11.30 a.m. | Neil & Kathleen Doherty – Christmas Blessings |

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held this Thursday, 4th January in Sacred Heart Centre 2 – 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.

SPONSORED FLOWERS: As usual we will be having sponsored flowers for Christmas. There is a list with instructions at the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS BITS & BOBS STALL: Do visit our "Bits and Bobs stall" after Mass for Christmas crafts at bargain prices.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

FOOD DONATIONS: 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.

SS PETER & PAUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - the church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 23rd December and as ever volunteers are needed to help. Greenery is desperately required too and if you can leave this in the church porch after 11:00 on 23rd that would be great. All money donations towards the cost would be more than gratefully received as well and can be put in the collection box in the porch. Give Una a call on 07918 021328 if you can help in any way.

TALK ENGLISH: Everyone at Talk English would like to pass on many thanks to the parishioners of SS Peter & Pauls church for food and toiletries donated to the refugees and asylum seekers. It is much appreciated and a massive help. Also, to Cupboard love and the churches of Ashton. Thank you Dot.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday 4th January 2-4pm – All welcome

GENERAL NEWS

SVP: We thank everyone for your support, and we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year. Please pray for peace in the world especially the Holy Land (Our Lord's land). If you would like a visit from any of our members or are lonely or housebound, please contact Bernard Unsworth, 01772 875151

CAN ANYONE GIVE A HOME TO A PIANO: Our parishioner's piano has found a recipient. Thanks for your interest. We hope that the joy of music will fill the new home.

