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**SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER
2021
THE HOLY FAMILY**



Friday 24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.00 p.m.	Paddy J McDonagh RIP
Saturday 25 th December CHRISTMAS DAY	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Sarah Walmsley People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th December THE HOLY FAMILY	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Successful Operation
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 27 th December St John	<i>Sacred Heart</i>		NO MASS
Tuesday 28 th December The Holy Innocents	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Jim Aherne RIP
Wednesday 29 th Dec St Thomas Beckett	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Bert Swarbrick (Anniversary)
Thursday 30 th Dec	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Victims of Abortion & Euthanasia
	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	12 noon	Funeral Service for Kath Curran
Friday 31 st December	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	In memory of Margaret & Bert Swarbrick
Saturday 1 st January Mary, Mother of God	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	12.00 noon	John Haigh
Sunday 2 nd January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	Peter Molloy (Anniversary)
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	12.30 p.m.	Baptism: Poppy-Grace Taylor

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
19 th December 2021	Sacred Heart	£207.72	84	
	SS Peter & Paul	£96.00	32	

Congratulations to Poppy-Grace Taylor, who is joining our church family when she is Baptised next Sunday in SS Peter & Paul Church. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



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 **£190**. 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.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Continuing thanks for all your generosity in giving your time and donations to the Cupboard Love Food Bank at St Michaels Church. Envelopes can be found at the back of each church for your future donations. Thank you very much.

ST JOHN PAUL II DIOCESAN SURVEY – YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR VIEW:

Following the pastoral letter from Bishop Paul introducing the Vatican Synod, we need to hear the opinions of all our parishioners, on the role of the Catholic Church today and what it should be in the future. To this end, it is suggested that a series of discussion meetings take place, so that we can accurately represent the views of our parish family, to the diocese.

These meetings will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 7.15pm – 8.15pm on the following dates:

11th January

18th January

25th January

Whilst each meeting will have a different focus, the key idea is to hear your thoughts honestly and without judgement – there are no right or wrong opinions or answers. If you are unable to attend any or all of the meetings, but still want to share your opinions, please write them down, label them as Diocesan Survey and place them in the offertory plate. Please include a phone number so that we can clarify your ideas if necessary, so that your views are accurately reflected, or if you wish speak to Rev Chris or Nicola Parry.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH 200 CLUB WINNER:

26/12/21 Wk 39 No: 46 P Ferguson £500

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 in order to bring about a swift end to the coronavirus. Hopefully, our combined efforts will be successful.

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

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. Happy Christmas and a Good New Year to everyone and thank you for your support throughout 2021. Kindly note that we will not take our monthly collection in January but will resume on the 6th February 2022. 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.



**WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**