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SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2022
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 th February	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Michael O'Keeffe RIP (Birthday)
Sunday 27 th February <i>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Anniversary of Jim & Barbara Worrell
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 28 th February	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9:30 am	Continuous blessings for good health
Tuesday 1 st March <i>St David</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Frank Walls RIP
Weds 2 nd March <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Joe & Mary Barwise
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	6.30 p.m.	Joanne & Family
Thursday 3 rd March	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Marie Mahon RIP
Friday 4 th March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	God's Protection & Blessings upon the family
Saturday 5 th March	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 6 th March <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	James & Nancy Hinds RIP
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	1.00 pm	Baptism: Leo Brendan Bass

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

Sacred Heart Church – 1st & 3rd Sundays each Month

SS Peter & Paul Church – 2nd & 4th Sundays 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.

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
20 th February 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£118.65 £126.10	66 25	

THE LATE BARBARA NICKSON: The Parish has received £5,000 from the estate of the late Barbara Nickson. This will be put towards an appropriate memorial. May she rest in peace.

CAFOD: Next Sunday, 6th March, an appeal will be made by a speaker on behalf of CAFOD. There will be CAFOD envelopes available in church for your donations to **Family Fast Day on 11th March.**

DAY OF RENEWAL: The next Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday 19th March from 10am – 4pm at St Clare’s Church, Fulwood. This will be led by Sean Booth and the theme is **‘When anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible’ Eph 5:13.** Please see the poster at the back of church for further details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first meeting with the children is planned for **Sunday 20th March at 11am.** If your child is eligible for the next 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 **£200.** 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.

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: We continue to offer thanks for the amazing generosity of our parishes in support of the Cupboard Love Foodbank. This extra income is enabling the purchase of otherwise difficult to fund items. The team have managed to purchase plenty of Easter eggs to ensure that the children of those families in need will be able to celebrate Easter with some fun and joy. Heartfelt thanks and blessings for your donations, support and prayers.

SYNOD 2022/3: The minutes from the 3 Synod meetings are available at the back of church and also on the Parish Website www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk

If all copies are gone from church, please speak to Fr Sam or Rev Chris for further copies to be printed.

THIS WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER IS –

27/2/22 Wk 48 No. 182 F Robinson £100

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: This is an appeal from Fr Sam ... During Lent he is asking for 4 volunteers to read at the 4 Sacred Heart Church weekday Masses, i.e. 1 reader for each day (Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning or Tuesday evening). If you are planning to attend a weekday Mass on a regular day during Lent, please could you consider reading on that day. Thank you for your consideration. Please either see Fr Sam or Rev Chris.

LADIES GUILD: The next Ladies Guild meeting will be held this Wednesday, 2nd March, at 6.45pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

EASTER RAFFLE: Once again we will be having a chocolate raffle for Easter, all proceeds for Parish projects. There will be a box at the back of Church for donations of Easter Eggs and chocolate. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday, March 13th, price £1 per strip. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are delighted to let you know that thanks to several very kind volunteers coming forward we are able to start Children's Liturgy again at Sacred Heart Church. Children's Liturgy will be on the first and third Sunday of each month beginning on 6th March 2022.

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: Bingo sessions are held on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP. Thanks to everyone for your continuing support as we give help to those in need. Our next collection will be Sunday 6th March. 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.