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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

24/3/24 Wk 52 No. 80 A Williams £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£316.05	158
SS Peter & Paul	£93.90	35

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Please see the poster in the church porch showing the work made possible by your continued donations. Thank you, once again, for your continued 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

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **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: Thank you for bringing your Red Boxes to church to be emptied. A total of **£284.34** has been raised for Missio Missions and a cheque was sent to them this week. Many thanks for your generosity.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA: Fr Moussa Serge will be joining us on **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.

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.

31ST MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday 31st March EASTER SUNDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Favour Okeke Birthday & Henry Bogumil RIP (Anniversary) & Gerard Hodgson RIP (Birthday)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Anne Helliwell RIP
Monday 1st April EASTER MONDAY	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday 2nd April EASTER TUESDAY	Sacred Heart	10.30 a.m.	Funeral Service for Angela McLaren
	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Bill & Sarah Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday 3rd April EASTER WEDNESDAY	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	John Flanagan RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 4th April EASTER THURSDAY	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Joan & Harold Doyle RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 5th April EASTER FRIDAY	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Jean & Gerry Swarbrick (65 th Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 6th April EASTER SATURDAY	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 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

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 on **Thursday, 11th April** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

EASTER RAFFLE in Sacred Heart Church: The winning tickets have been drawn and there is a list of winners at the back of the church. The raffle raised £237.50 for Parish Funds. Thank you, to all who took part, for your generosity.

BOOK STAFF in SS Peter & Paul Hall: The book stall has raised £8.50 over the last few weeks, for Parish Funds.



WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY EASTER

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**

DIOCESE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONNS: As part of the Centenary Celebrations, Dr Paul Severn has written a booklet called 'The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster'. This will be launched on Tuesday 9th April – see the poster at the back of the church.

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@lrdc.org.uk.

LADIES GUILD: An enormous change was decided by the current Ladies Guild members. The Ladies Guild has now been updated, and from this month a new group has been established called 'Friends of St John Paul 2 Parish' and it will be an all-inclusive group, for men and women. So, this group will now be open to all Parishioners for the planning of Outings, Fundraising and some fun events. Please consider becoming part of this new group and bring your ideas of how you would like to move forward with events in your Parish. The first meeting will be held in the Presbytery **THIS Wednesday 3rd April at 6.45pm**. Please come along.

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.

Please see the enclosed information regarding the parish gift aid scheme. 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

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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.