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3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

27/8/23 No 125 M McKeever £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£209.54	98
SS Peter & Paul	£137.00	33

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.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: The demand for food from the Cupboard Love Foodbank slowly but surely increases. Flyers are being distributed around the households in the lower parts of Ashton to ensure that folks know of its existence. The school holidays are a challenging time for ensuring that youngsters get some healthy food each day. On delivering your donation envelopes this week to those running the Foodbank, they spoke of "...your unimaginable generosity". Each small donation is like the trickling streams that fill a river of need. Thank you again and again for your quiet kindness that reaches out in such a practical way to our hungry neighbours. **Opening times for the Foodbank: Please see the poster at the back of Church.**

FR SAM'S HEALTH REGIME: Fr Sam would like to thank everyone who sponsored and encouraged him on his health regime over the last month. He has lost 7lb in weight and has found that the support from the parishioners has helped him considerably. We said the sponsorship was for 1 month, and if you are a sponsor, please could you put your sponsor money into an envelope marked with your name and 'Sponsor money' and put it in the offertory to be given to Fr Sam. Grateful thanks to you all.

ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for September is for *The Sanctity of life from the moment of Conception.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND MONTHLY ANNIVERSARIES: Please pass names & month of Anniversary to a member of our clergy.

THANK YOU FROM ANDREW CARMICHAEL'S FAMILY: Sheila, Damian, Donna and family would like to thank Father Sam and Rev Chris for a beautiful, personal funeral service for Andrew on the 22nd August 2023. We have had so many compliments about the choir and the singer Carol. Thank you so much for bringing peace and calm to the Mass. We have been so touched by the thoughtful cards and messages, flowers and Mass cards from our parish friends at this difficult time. Thank you so much for all your kindness and support it truly means so much.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next Parish Council meeting is to be held this Thursday 7th September at 7pm in the Presbytery. If you have any items which need to be discussed, please see a Parish Council member and pass on your queries.

LADIES GUILD: The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild will be held on Wednesday 6th September at 6.45pm in the Presbytery. All ladies in the Parish are welcome, so please come along.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe Barwise, Fredrick Goss, Martin McGuill and Mary Kay
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
(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

Saturday 2nd September <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Rueben Brockbank (30 th Birthday)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Rueben Brockbank (30 th Birthday)
Sunday 3rd September TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Rueben Brockbank (30 th Birthday)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Martha & Cecil Taylor RIP Daughter's Health
Monday 4th September <i>St Cuthbert</i>	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Eileen Brockbank RIP
Tuesday 5th September <i>St Herbert</i>	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Nonie Brown – Get well wishes
Wednesday 6th September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen Gilbert RIP
Thursday 7th September	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Friday 8th September <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	James Southworth
Saturday 9th September <i>St Peter Claver</i>	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Frank Vose – 95 th Birthday
Sunday 10th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	In memory of Edith & Leslie Huckin RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Clive Robinson RIP (Anniversary)

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, 7th September in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 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.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee morning will be this **Sunday 3rd September** after Mass.

BOOK STALL: Please bring any unwanted books for our sale of books in the Church Hall.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – this Thursday, 7th September 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – this Thursday at 7pm in the Presbytery.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – this Sunday 3rd September after Mass

GENERAL NEWS

SVP: Our work continues as usual, but any needs or visits please let us know. Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT CLEATOR: Sunday 10th September 2023. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. See poster at the back of the church.

SPUC EVENING: You are warmly invited to attend an information evening organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which will be held at the SPUC Preston Office on Friday 8th September 2023 at 7pm. The office is located at Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS. Come along to hear about SPUC's current campaign on the issue of coerced abortion and to find out about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in to protect women and unborn children from the tragedy of abortion. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage local pro-lifers to form a new Preston SPUC Branch. For further information, please contact SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on 07549 068226 or at terrygraham@spuc.org.uk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

ST MARY'S PILGRIMS WAY – SPONSORED WALK TO HELP THE POOREST OF THE POOR IN RWANDA: Two trustees of the Rwanda Group Trust, Mark and Michael, are walking the 67 miles of St Mary's Way from Lancaster Cathedral to St Mary's shrine at Cleator. They are scheduled to arrive for the diocesan pilgrimage there on Sunday 10 September. They would be very grateful for sponsors as the needs are very great and funds are somewhat depleted – every penny raised goes direct to Rwanda as the charity has no overheads. If you feel able to donate, please see our website www.rwandagrouptrust.org or telephone Michael Donlan on 07864 990941.