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**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£251.78	108
SS Peter & Paul	£154.60	35
Sacred Heart	Vigil £417.21	177
Sacred Heart	Christmas Day £215.81	86
SS Peter & Paul	£109.30	52

**200 CLUB DRAW**

24/12/23 Wk 39 No 98 Lucy Winder £500  
 Congratulations Lucy

**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](mailto: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 January is *The sick and housebound of The Parish*

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The White Flower appeal will be taking place in our churches on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kay Slater, Cath Nickson, Barbara Kay, Phillip McGuill, Terry Ward and Tom Price  
 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**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Peter Molloy RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Elizabeth & Ellen Fisher
<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Neil & Kathleen Doherty – Christmas Blessings
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>			
<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>			
<b>St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Sarah & Thomas Long RIP, Kenneth Long RIP & Joe Harrison RIP
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>			
<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Hugh & Mary Doherty – Christmas Blessings
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Kay Slater RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Ken Slater RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Joan Campbell RIP
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Ken Slater RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Agnes Davis RIP



**SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held **this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next coffee morning will be held after Mass next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. All Welcome.

**FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO** in Sacred Heart Hall – **THIS Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2-4pm** – All welcome

**GENERAL NEWS**

**SVP:** we wish everyone a Happy and peaceful New Year and our thanks to all for your support during 2023. If you would like a visit from any of our members or are lonely or housebound, please contact Bernard Unsworth, 01772 875151

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