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SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

Saturday 19 th February	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	Gerard McCabe RIP
Sunday 20 th February <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Pat Lynch RIP
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 21 st February <i>St Peter Damian</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9:30 am	
Tuesday 22 nd February <i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE</i>	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i> <i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m. 6.30 pm	Requiem Mass for Hilda Critchley Julia & Cornelis Veenstra RIP
Weds 23 rd February <i>St Polycarp</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	
Thursday 24 th February	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Austin Cunliffe RIP
Friday 25 th February	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Betty Jerome RIP
Saturday 26 th February <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<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

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

Please note that Mass will be celebrated on Monday mornings at 9:30 am at Sacred Heart Church as from 7th February.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

DATE	CHURCH	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH PROJECT
13 th February 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£225.47 £90.00	93 27	

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.

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 –

13/2/22 Wk 46 No. 132 J Swarbrick £20

20/2/22 Wk 47 No. 87 C Waszczuk £20

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: An announcement will be made soon as to when this will resume.

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.

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 will begin again this Sunday at 11.30a.m. Mass and then every 2nd & 4th Sunday afterwards.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP. Very many thanks for your generosity last Sunday raising a total of £180.22 from both Parishes. This helps us in providing aid to those in need. 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.

First Holy Communion 2022

Date & Time		Session	Location
Sunday 20th March.	11am - 12pm	1 Preparation for First Confession	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 3rd April.	11am - 12pm	2 Preparation for First Confession	Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 6th April.	6pm	First Confession service	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 1st May.	11am - 12pm	3 Preparation for First Communion	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 8th May.	11am - 12pm	4 Preparation for First Communion	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 15th May.	11am - 12pm	5 Preparation for First Communion	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 22nd May.	11am - 12pm	6 Preparation for First Communion	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 12th June.	11am - 12pm	7 Preparation for First Communion	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 19th June.	11am	First Communion Mass	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 19th June.	1pm	First Communion Mass	Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 19th June.	3pm	First Communion Mass	Sacred Heart Church