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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

7/4/24 Wk 1 No. 2 M Cross £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£374.20	138
SS Peter & Paul	£90.00	32

14TH APRIL 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Thomas & Teresa Hardiker (April Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	George & Winefride Sargent RIP
Monday 15th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Joe Howard – Special Intention
Tuesday 16th April St Bernadette Soubirous	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Sheila Rowley – Special Intention
Wednesday 17th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Catterall Family – In Thanksgiving
Thursday 18th April	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	For Successful Chemotherapy
Friday 19th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday 20th April	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.	Jim & Clare Southworth – Special Intention
Sunday 21st April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	For Successful Chemotherapy
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Tuesday 18th June, 2024 in Sacred Heart Church at 6.30pm

There are four preparation sessions, which will be held at 6pm in Sacred Heart Church, and which **MUST** all be attended by the candidate and sponsor.



Monday 29th April, Monday 6th May, Thursday 6th June & Tuesday June 11th after 6:30 pm Mass

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.

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, 25th April, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

COFFEE MORNING AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH: Sunday 5th May after 11.30am Mass. ALL WELCOME

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Tangible Easter joy for the needy in our community. £500.00 of your donations together with £200.00 from a Preston City Council grant as well as foodstuffs from the Cupboard Love store, have enabled the filling of 70 food bags for needy families of Sacred Heart school. The children from the school council chose food and toiletries for each bag, went along to purchase some of the supplies and enthusiastically helped to fill the 70 bags. The bags were distributed on Maundy Thursday. Your continued generosity has brought tangible Easter joy to so many in need. It has also kindled the spirit of community kindness amongst many of our schoolchildren. Your kindness and prayers bring blessings in abundance. 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 2nd May** 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: a further £10.78 has been donated so the grand total is £325.12 for Missio Missions. If you would like a red Missio box, please see Fr Sam, Rev Chris or Rev Jim

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA: Fr Moussa Serge will be joining us **TODAY Sunday 14th April** to appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass, following this appeal.

GLORIA: During the Easter Season a new 'Gloria' will be sung at Sacred Heart on a Sunday. Please join the choir singing:

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

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.

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.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church: The monthly coffee mornings are beginning again at SS Peter & Paul Church on Sunday 5th May after 11.30am Mass. There will also be a Tombola so please come along and enjoy time together.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next bingo session will be held **THIS Thursday, 11th April** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

EASTER RAFFLE in Sacred Heart Church: Please check the winning numbers for the Easter prizes. Next week will be the final chance to collect your prizes. After that the Prizes will be distributed.

BOILER FUND: We have received a further £200 towards the Boiler Fund. Thank you for your generosity. If you are able donate to this fund, please put it into an envelope marked 'boiler fund' and place in the offertory.

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**

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@lrhc.org.uk.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN: Saturday 27th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm: Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel 01772 723094.

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.