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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

14/4/24 Wk 2 No. 86 C Beetham £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£368.16	151
SS Peter & Paul	£80.50	32
March BACS & SO offerings £762.00		

21ST APRIL 2024



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday 22nd April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	
Tuesday 23rd April St George	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	
Wednesday 24th April St Adalbert	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	
Thursday 25th April St Mark	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 26th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	
Saturday 27th 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.	
Sunday 28th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Terminally ill parishioners
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

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: 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: We thank Fr Moussa Serge for his appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa last week. **The Parish raised £429.52** – thank you all for your amazing generosity. A cheque will be sent to the charity this week.

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 & SUPER TOMBOLA 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. Wow, and there will be a Super Tombola run by Claire and friends – please come and try your luck.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next bingo session will be held **THIS Thursday, 25th April** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

BOILER & BUILDING FUND: As you will see, both of our churches are having major work carried out and this is extremely costly. If you are able donate to this fund, please put your donation into an envelope marked 'boiler/building fund' and place in the offertory. Thank you.

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

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**
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.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CAFOD & SVP: With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 25th April, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.
COFFEE MORNING & SUPER TOMBOLA AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH: Sunday 5th May after 11.30am Mass. ALL WELCOME
MULTINATIONAL AFTERNOON in Sacred Heart Hall – Saturday 8th June 2pm – 6pm ALL WELCOME – MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY 21ST APRIL - ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND
RETIRING COLLECTION 12TH MAY – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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.