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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th March St Francis of Rome	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: That Refugees and Asylum Seekers are treated with dignity and their Human Rights upheld) November List
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 10th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	James & Nancy Hinds RIP Dr Mrs Abdullahi Adaeze Amalu (Birthday)
MOTHERING SUNDAY	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 11th March	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Dr Mrs Abdullahi Adaeze Amalu (Birthday)
Tuesday 12th March	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	James & Nancy Hinds RIP
Wednesday 13th March	St Bernard's School	11.00 a.m.	Reconciliation service
	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	God's Blessings on Mai Barlow on her retirement
Thursday 14th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Gilleran RIP
Friday 15th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP
Saturday 16th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: That Refugees and Asylum Seekers are treated with dignity and their Human Rights upheld) People of the Parish
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 17th March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Parry family
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Woolley Family
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APPEAL FOR LENT SERVICES & EASTER MASSES: Please consider if you are able to take part in the following over the Easter Triduum.

- SS Peter & Paul Church – 6.30 pm Maundy Thursday – Reading, Psalm & Bidding Prayers – **1 person required.**
- Maundy Thursday - Washing of Feet – **12 People required.**
- Sacred Heart Church – 10 a.m. Good Friday – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - **3 Readers required.**
- Sacred Heart Church - 11 a.m. Good Friday – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross – **2 Readers required.**
- SS Peter & Paul Church - 3 p.m. Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – **1 Reader required.**
- Sacred Heart Church - 10 a.m. Holy Saturday – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer – **3 Readers required.**
- SS Peter & Paul Church - 8 p.m. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass – **4 Readers required.**

PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME TO A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY IF YOU CAN TAKE PART ON ANY OCCASION

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.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

3/3/24 Wk 49 No. 59 Rev J Slater £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£250.80	145
SS Peter & Paul	£118.80	38

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Please see the poster in the church porch showing the work made possible by your continued donations. Thank you, once again, for your continued 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

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **Thursday 21st March** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place alternately in our churches each Sunday from this afternoon. Please see the notice, in the porch, of all times for Stations of the Cross and the Easter Triduum.

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: Last week's retiring collection totalled **£232.70**. Thank you all for your generosity. Please could you also bring your red boxes to church to be emptied during March. Please give them to one of the clergy and they will be returned to you the following Sunday. Many thanks. Janice

LADIES GUILD: During the year up to 30th February 2024 the Ladies Guild, with your generosity, raised **£929.00** for the Parish.

LADIES GUILD: Our AGM was held this week and an enormous change was decided. The Ladies Guild has now been updated, and from this month a new group has been established called **'Friends of St John Paul 2 Parish'** and it will be a mixed gender group. So this group will now be open to all Parishioners for the planning of Outings, Fundraising and some fun events. Please consider becoming part of this new group and bring your ideas of how you would like to move forward with events in your Parish. The first meeting will be held in the Presbytery on Wednesday 3rd April at 6.45pm. Please come along.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Our Parish is in urgent need of a Safeguarding Rep. We must have one as it is a stipulation from that 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 Tea and Coffee is served in the porch after Sunday Mass. Please stay on a Sunday and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. If you stay for coffee/tea each week, would you please consider helping Nicola & Paul on a rota bases. It is a big commitment for just 2 people every week. If you can help, please speak to Nicola or Paul after Mass. Thankyou.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next bingo session will be held on **Thursday, 14th March** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

COFFEE MORNING in SS Peter & Paul's Church Hall : Coffee mornings have been suspended for the time being as the hall is so cold. They will resume once the heat is back on from a new boiler.

EASTER RAFFLE in Sacred Heart Church: We will be having our usual Easter Egg and chocolate raffle this Easter. There is a box for donations at the back of Church. Raffle tickets are on sale after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

SPONSORED FLOWERS FOR EASTER in Sacred Heart Church: There will be Sponsored flowers again this Easter in Sacred Heart Church. Details available this week at the back of church. Please select your chosen arrangement and put the money an envelope. Many thanks. This money helps to provide the flowers in church during the year.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Goss & Gordon 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, George Woods and Bernard Coupe
(Names of Sick and Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 14th March, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

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**