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7TH JANUARY 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

31/12/23 Wk 40 No. 76 J Howard £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£245.74	126
SS Peter & Paul	£121.00	28
Standing order offerings In December		£510.00

PLEASE REMEMBER MARIE SHARPLES AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS, AS HER REQUIEM MASS TAKES PLACE IN SACRED HEART CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY.

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.

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

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next tranche is due to start with a general meeting in Sacred Heart Centre at 6pm on Monday 29th January 2024. For those who have not supplied Baptismal certificates please bring them along.

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 and retiring collection will be taking place in our churches on **Sunday 14th January.**

MSP APPEAL: There will be an appeal and retiring collection. for the Missionary Society of St Paul on **Sunday 28th January.** This is the Missionary Society which has brought us Father Sam.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

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

Saturday 6th January	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Ken Slater RIP (Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 7th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Ken Slater RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 8th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Agnes Davis RIP
Tuesday 9th January	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Veronica Doran (sick)
Wednesday 10th January	Sacred Heart	9.45 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Marie Sharples
Thursday 11th January	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	In thanksgiving for favours received
Friday 12th January St Aelred of Rievaulx	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Agnes Davis RIP
Saturday 13th January St Kentigern	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Dec'd members of the Winstanley family
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 14th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Jean & Gerry's Special Intentions
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, **18th January** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: There are a few Christmas Raffle prizes left. Please could you claim them this weekend. Those unclaimed will be recycled.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee morning will be **THIS Sunday 7th January** after Mass.

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.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 18th January, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.
COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – on This Sunday 7th January after 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
DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 23rd – 30th July 2024. The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22nd July – 1st August 2024. For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk and for the youth email youth@lancaster.co.uk Please see the posters in the church porch. Please see Fr Sam for a Booking form.

CAFOD: The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with lancaster@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

ST WALBURGES 'CLIMB THE SPIRE': St Walburge's is opening its doors to visitors this January with a chance to climb the spire. Afterwards, tours of the church and refreshments are available. **13th, 20th, 27th January 1-5pm.** Tickets available on Ticket Tailor: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1082309#> No ticket sales on the door. All proceeds go to the restoration project, especially the stunning hammerbeam roof.