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SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERS DAY

Saturday 26 th March	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 27 th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERS DAY	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	Stuart Rogers RIP
Monday 28 th March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9:30 am	
Tuesday 29 th March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 pm	Joan & Harold Doyle RIP (Anniversary)
Weds 30 th March	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Jack Gordon RIP
Thursday 31 st March	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Jim Montgomery RIP
Friday 1 st April	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Ben Clay RIP
Saturday 2 nd April	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 3 rd April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Favour Orji Okeke (Birthday)
	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

Sacred Heart Church – 1st & 3rd Sundays each Month

SS Peter & Paul Church – 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

DATE	CHURCH	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH PROJECT
20 th March 2022	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	£219.80 £89.00	147	

CAFOD: £592.65 has been donated to CAFOD. Thank you for your generosity this Family Fast Day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Sunday afternoon during Lent, Stations of the Cross are to be held at alternate churches. This week, 27th March is being held at SS Peter & Paul Church

EASTER MASSES & SERVICES: Please see the poster at the back of church for all the Mass and Service times during the Easter Triduum. This year, there will be washing of feet at the Holy Thursday Mass at SS Peter & Paul Church. If you are able to volunteer for this, please see Fr Sam, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Chris. Ministers of the Word are also required for all three services. If you are able to read at any of the Masses/Services please see Fr Sam, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Chris. The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at 8pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting with the children is planned for **Sunday 3rd April at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.**

CHURCH PROJECT: Total donation this tax year **£210**. 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.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022-23: Gift Aid envelopes for the coming Tax year 2022-23 are available at the back of church. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please see Fr Sam or Rev Chris or Rev Jim for a form.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Please continue to help the Cupboard Love Food Bank. Your generosity is helping so many local families. Envelopes for your donations are at the back of each church. Thank you once again.

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.

DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: Please see the poster at the back of each church regarding this year's Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available – please see Fr Sam, Rev Chris or Rev Jim for details. The closing date for bookings is 1st May 2022.

LENT SERIES 2022: AMDG: For the Greater Glory of God. A 5-week series that is part of the year-long celebrations marking the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. The evenings will be a mixture of live talks, videos, prayer, and reflection helping us to explore the life of St Ignatius and the impact he has made upon the Church and the world. **Thursdays 10th March – 7th April 7.30 -9.30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston.** This is a joint venture between St Wilfrid's and Metanoia Project.

ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: St. Bernard's Catholic Primary School are currently looking for a new foundation governor. Governors come in all shapes and sizes but it is important that each governing body has a good mix of skills, knowledge and experiences. Not all governing bodies need the same skills, to be successful, it is vital that individuals from all backgrounds volunteer to be a Foundation Governor. This commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending three full governor meetings per year and serving on at least one committee. The committees will focus on areas such as finance, curriculum, pupil progress and site management & usually meet once a term. The Diocesan Education Service provide free training and support in all aspects of school governance & you will be encouraged to attend training

sessions. Any practising Catholic over the age of 18 can become a Foundation Governor. For more information please contact Fr. Sam or St. Bernard's direct on 01772 728153.

CASTLERIGG MANOR EASTER RETREAT 2022: Castlerigg Manor's first open retreat for young people and young adults is happening this Easter. It runs from April 14-17th and it's just £85. It's open to anybody in Year 10+, up to age 25. A great chance to make some friends, deepen faith and explore the beauty of the Easter weekend together. For more information - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk. To book - <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/easter>

LAST WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER-

20th March 2022 – Wk 51 – No. 70 Mary Mooney £500

CONGRATULATIONS MARY

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: This is an appeal from Fr Sam ... During Lent he is asking for 4 volunteers to read at the 4 Sacred Heart Church weekday Masses, i.e. 1 reader for each day (Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning or Tuesday evening). If you are planning to attend a weekday Mass on a regular day during Lent, please could you consider reading on that day. Thank you for your consideration. Please either see Fr Sam or Rev Chris.

EASTER RAFFLE: Once again we will be having a chocolate raffle for Easter, all proceeds for Parish projects. There is a box at the back of Church for donations of Easter Eggs and chocolate. Tickets are on sale today, after Mass, price £1 per strip. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

EASTER FLOWERS: Once again we will be having sponsored flowers for Easter at Sacred Heart. The lists, instructions and envelopes are at the back of Church.

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.

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.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP. The next SVP collection will be held next Sunday 3rd April, in both churches. Thank you for your generosity.