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7TH MAY 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

30/4/23 No. 159 M McKeever £20

The £500 draw is this Sunday – Good Luck

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£ 216.60	101
SS Peter & Paul	£76	28

APRIL SO & /BACS offerings **Figures next week**

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: Your generosity of giving to the Cupboard Love Foodbank has neither waived nor diminished since we first asked for your support. Your quiet kindness has meant and continues to mean, that many of our hungry and struggling neighbours have had the opportunity to receive nourishment. With deepest thanks. **Opening times for the Foodbank: Please see the poster at the back of Church.**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND MONTHLY ANNIVERSARIES: Please pass names & month of Anniversary to a member of our clergy.

STATUES BELONGING TO JOAN CAMPBELL: Marie-Louise Chambers has kindly donated statues belonging to her mum, Joan, to anyone in the Parish who would like to take one home. With Fr Sam's permission, Marie-Louise has brought the statues to Sacred Heart Church. Please take one if you would like one.

GIFT AID IMPORTANT NOTICE: A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please Notify Fr Sam if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2022/23 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 one of the clergy.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 11th May at 7pm in the Presbytery.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Jones, Gerald Hodgson

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lawler, Sheila Pullman

(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 May	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Kay McFadden RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Pat Doherty RIP
Monday 8th May	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	HRH King Charles III
Tuesday 9th May	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Sr Katherine Breen (85 th birthday)
Wednesday 10th May St John de Avila	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	A cure for Mental Depression
Thursday 11th May	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Friday 12th May Sts Nereus & Achilleus	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Delores McGrath Eric RIP
Saturday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	John Flanagan RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: Please come and join in the Bingo in SS Peter & Paul church hall at 2pm every Tuesday afternoon. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of good company and fun.

COFFEE MORNING: The coffee morning held last Sunday raised £34.90 for the Parish. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this morning enjoyable for all.

BOOK STALL: Please bring any unwanted books for our sale of books in the Church Hall.

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be on 18th May in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in for 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.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO at SS Peter & Paul Church Hall – Every Tuesday at 2pm

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – 18th May 2pm – 4pm

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GENERAL NEWS

SVP: Our thanks for your support as always. If you know of anyone housebound or lonely who would like a visit and a chat, please phone. Bernard Unsworth 01772 875151.

CAFOD: Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill