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17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

10/9/23 Wk 24 No 42 A McEnnerney £20

This week is the £500 draw – good luck everyone.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£204.85	97
SS Peter & Paul	£83.60	33

August BACS collections £569.50

TUESDAY'S MORNING MASS: Please note that there is a Mass at St Bernard's school on Tuesday at 9.30am. All Parishioners are welcome to join the children for Mass.

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: The demand for food from the Cupboard Love Foodbank slowly but surely increases. Flyers are being distributed around the households in the lower parts of Ashton to ensure that folks know of its existence. The school holidays are a challenging time for ensuring that youngsters get some healthy food each day. On delivering your donation envelopes this week to those running the Foodbank, they spoke of ..."your unimaginable generosity". Each small donation is like the trickling streams that fill a river of need. Thank you again and again for your quiet kindness that reaches out in such a practical way to our hungry neighbours. **Opening times for the Foodbank: Please see the poster at the back of Church.**

ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for September is for **The Sanctity of life from the moment of Conception.**

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

LADIES GUILD QUIZ NIGHT: There will be another of our popular Quiz Nights with hotpot supper on Friday October 27th at 7-30pm in the Sacred Heart Centre. Teams of four, £7-50 per head which includes Hotpot or butter pie and a hot drink. Bring your own alcoholic drinks if required. Proceeds to church funds. Tickets available soon. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

SPONSORED SLIM: Father would like to give you all his grateful thanks for the cards and sponsorship he has received. He found it a great help to know that you were all supporting him.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – on Thursday, 5th October 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

COFFEE MORNING and TRASH TO TREASURE STALL at SS Peter & Paul Church – on Sunday 1st October after Mass – (see note in SS Peter & Paul news).

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe Barwise, Fredrick Goss, Martin McGuill and Mary 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
(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 16th September Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Joan Campbell RIP (Birthday)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 17th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Peter John Dewhurst RIP (1 st Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 18th September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday 19th September St Theodore of Canterbury	St Bernard's School Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	God's Blessing on all school children.
		6.30 p.m.	Fredrick Goss RIP (Anniversary)
Wednesday 20th September Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP
Thursday 21st September St Matthew	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for a mislaid Cross and chain. God Bless St Francis
Friday 22nd September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen Gilbert RIP
Saturday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary People of the Parish
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 24th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Successful Treatment
		HARVEST MASS	
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	William & Alice Southworth RIP (Anniversaries)

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, 5th October 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.

SHOE BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS (Ladies Guild): We are hoping to collect filled shoeboxes for the International Aid Charity for distribution this Christmas. There are details and labels at the back of Church.

HARVEST CELEBRATION: If you have any tinned foods to donate, please put them in the baskets at the back of Church to be brought up during the Offertory procession. All food will then go to the Foxton Centre.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP: Our work continues as usual, but any needs or visits please let us know. Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

PRESTON PEDALS: Preston Pedals are holding further events on 14th & 21st Sept & 12th & 26th October. 1.30pm – 4.30 pm. If you need to get a bike back on the road or would like a bike to begin cycling, please come along to one of these sessions. (if you would like a donated bike, please contact the organisers on the website shown on the poster)

EDUCATION MASS, ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LANCASTER LA1 3BT, Friday 6th October 2023 at 6:30 pm - All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

THE RELICS OF ST COLUMBA, ANDREW & MARGARET: The relics of Sts Columba, Andrew and Margaret will be at St Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6SP, from the afternoon of Friday 22 September until the evening of Sunday 24 September. Please see Poster in the church porch for the programme of events.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING: The coffee morning on Sunday raised £42.50. Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed and helped. Our next Coffee morning will be this **Sunday 1st October** after Mass – **ALL WELCOME**

TRASH TO TREASURE STALL: I am collecting Trash now for the next (Pay what you want) stall to be held at the next coffee morning on **1st October**. If you have any items, you no longer need or want, please hand them in at SS Peter & Paul church or at Sacred Heart Church. The last sale made £112. Many thanks – Claire Southworth.

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