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21ST JANUARY 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

14/1/24 Wk 42 No. 146 N Flanagan £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£236.44	133
SS Peter & Paul	£138.00	

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, last week, raised a total of £199.62. Thank you for your generosity.

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

WORLD LEPROSY DAY: There will be a retiring collection for Leprosy on **Sunday 5th February.**

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 1st February, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – on Sunday 4th February after Mass – ALL WELCOME

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 8th February at 7pm in the Presbytery.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

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

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 20th January St Fabian	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Ken Slater RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 21st January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Agnes & Jim Lomax RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Pam Bowden RIP
Monday 22nd January	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd January	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Sargent family
Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Brien & Robinson families
Thursday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Norma & Michael Cronin RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 26th January Sts Timothy & Titus	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Mary & Bill Hardacre RIP & Michael Hardacre RIP
Saturday 27th January St Angela Merici	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary November List
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 28th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Day)	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Special Intention
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Olive, Tom & Jenny Ferguson RIP

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, 1st February 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.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING: The coffee morning held last Sunday raised a total of £55.50. Thank you to all who supported this event to make it a success. Our next Coffee morning will be on **Sunday 4th February** 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.

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.

STELLA MARIS (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding a special Mass for seafarers and fishers, to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on Saturday 10th February at 12.15pm at The Cathedral Church of St Peter, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3B. It will be followed by a reception. This is the first Mass of its kind in the Lancaster Diocese. All Parishioners are invited to attend. Please email Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org to confirm attendance.

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.

PRESTON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – Date for your Diary – **Sunday 2nd June at 2pm at St Walburges Church.**