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**30TH JULY 2023**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**200 CLUB DRAW**

23/9/23 Wk 17 No. 111 C Moss £20

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£203.19	94
SS Peter & Paul	£148.00	32

**PLEASE REMEMBER JUDE & SEBASTIAN TROUP AND THEIR FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS TODAY, AS THEY BECOMES PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHEN THEY ARE BAPTISED TODAY IN SACRED HEART CHURCH.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ANDREW CARMICHAEL WHO DIED THIS WEEK. ANDREW WAS A VERY LONGSTANDING PARISHIONER IN OUR PARISH. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER SHEILA AND ALL ANDREW'S FAMILY.**

**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.

**OPEN PARISH MEETING:** A successful meeting took place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July and thank you to all who attended. Notes from the meeting can be found at the back of church.

**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 it's 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.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL:** A date for your diary – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, beginning with Mass at 11am at St Mary's Church followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession to Ladyewell for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**FR SAM'S HEALTH REGIME:** Please will you help Fr Sam to lose a bit of weight over the next month? There is a sponsor form at the back of church. Please add your name and sponsor amount and we will let you know, after 1 month, how much weight he has lost. This will encourage Fr Sam along his path to fitness. Many thanks.

**LADIES GUILD:** The Ladies' Guild meeting on Wed, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be our annual afternoon tea at Marie's house at 2-30pm. Please let Marie know if you can come.

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

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mary Barwise & Gill West

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:**

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**

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Sts Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	The Missions
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving for Fr Sam
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Baptism:</b> Jude Henry & Sebastian Arlo Troup
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Sheila Rowley
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> <b>St Alphonsus</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Andrew Carmichael RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <b>St Eusebius of Vercelli</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Mr & Mrs M H O'Keefe (Anniversary 27 <sup>th</sup> July)
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Ken Slater RIP
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St John Vianney</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Austin Gannon RIP
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving for Prayers answered
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Kathy & David – In Thanksgiving
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Dr Romanus & Dr Favour Okeke – Special Intention

**SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held this Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.**

**LADIES GUILD – Afternoon tea at Marie's House at 2.30pm**

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August after Mass**

**MARRIAGE CARE:** Marriage Care is looking for married people who might consider volunteering with the charity. Most pressing at the moment in order to meet the demand for Marriage Preparation courses we are looking for new recruits who could give up to 3 Saturdays a year to present and facilitate our courses to couples. Full training is given, and experienced support is there working alongside to begin with. Couples and married individuals are most welcome to come forward. Please consider how your own experience of marriage could help those embarking on their own Catholic marriage. More information will be given here in the parish in the coming weeks or contact [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** Sadly, the Bingo at SS Peter & Paul's is not continuing at present. Sheila has donated £450 Bingo funds to the Parish, for which we are very grateful.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee morning will be next **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August** after Mass.

**BOOK STALL:** Please bring any unwanted books for our sale of books in the Church Hall. £5 Book money donated this week.

**GENERAL NEWS**

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

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, beginning with Mass at 11am, followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession to Ladyewell for Benediction.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT CLEATOR:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We take as our theme this year "Our Lady, star of the Sea" Guide of the Wanderer here below. We will be providing tea and coffee. If needed people can bring their own pack lunch. See poster at the back of the church.