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**20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**200 CLUB DRAW**

13/8/23 Wk 20 No. 60 Fr Sam £20

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£315	119
SS Peter & Paul	£134	31

**TYLER LUKE FENTON WILL BECOME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THIS SUNDAY WHEN HE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ANDREW CARMICHAEL AND FREDA THOMPSON IN YOUR PRAYERS. THEIR REQUIEM MASSES WILL BE HELD IN SACRED HEART CHURCH THIS WEEK. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**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.**

**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.

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for August is **Vocations to the Priesthood and for the Priests of our Diocese.**

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

**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.

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Agnes McGuill, Nora Aherne and James Slater**

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

**FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August  
2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.**

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – on  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September after Mass**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St John Eudes</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary The Missions
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>TWENTIETH 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>	Safe Journey
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Baptism:</b> Tyler Luke Fenton
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> <b>St Pius X</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Nora Aherne RIP (Anniversary 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug)
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Requiem Mass for Andrew Carmichael
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <b>St Rose of Lima</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Requiem Mass for Freda Thompson
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St Bartholomew</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Fr Bob Horn's Intentions
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St Louis</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God – Dominic Barberi</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Andrew Carmichael RIP
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>TWENTY-FIRST 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>	A troubled family member

**SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, **24<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.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS**

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee morning will be on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** after Mass. During the Coffee morning on 6<sup>th</sup> August, Clare and Jim Southworth ran a 'Pay what you want' sale and raised a staggering £112. This will be shared between the Cupboard Love Foodbank and SVP. Thank you to all who helped and supported them in this great venture.  
**BOOK STALL:** Please bring any unwanted books for our sale of books in the Church Hall.

**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. See poster at the back of the church.

**SALE OF CANDLES:** The young people who sold candles here to raise money for their Youth Day Pilgrimage, have now returned and send you their grateful thanks to all who helped them.

**ST MARY'S PILGRIMS WAY – SPONSORED WALK TO HELP THE POOREST OF THE POOR IN RWANDA:**

Two trustees of the Rwanda Group Trust, Mark and Michael, are walking the 67 miles of St Mary's Way from Lancaster Cathedral to St Mary's shrine at Cleator. They are scheduled to arrive for the diocesan pilgrimage there on Sunday 10 September. They would be very grateful for sponsors as the needs are very great and funds are somewhat depleted – every penny raised goes direct to Rwanda as the charity has no overheads. If you feel able to donate, please see our website [www.rwandagrouptrust.org](http://www.rwandagrouptrust.org) or telephone Michael Donlan on 07864 990941.

**PRESTON PEDALS**

We have been approached by a community group called Preston Pedals, who help people get their bikes back in a roadworthy condition. They will also provide donated bikes for anyone wishing to start cycling and do not own a bike. Their sessions will be held this Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 10am – 12.30pm & Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1.30pm – 4pm. Please come along and join one of these sessions if you are interested. If you would like a donated bike, please email [prestonpedals@outlook.com](mailto:prestonpedals@outlook.com) before the session and a bike will be provided for you. Please see the poster at the back of church.