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26TH MARCH 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

19/3/23 No: 65 H. Sutcliffe £500

Congratulations Hilary

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£259.80	104
SS Peter & Paul	£100.00	34

DONATIONS: Donations amounting to £92 have been received in memory of Mrs Margaret Gilleran. Our grateful thanks to all who gave donations.

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: Thank you once again for your generous support. Envelopes are available at the back of church for your donations.

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you hold a Red Missio Box at home, please could you bring it to church during the next few weeks to have it emptied. This applies to both of our churches – all monies now will be counted in Sacred Heart Presbytery. Please bring your boxes into church by Easter Sunday. Many thanks

LENTEN 'STATIONS TO THE CROSS' AND 'THOUGHT FOR THE DAY' Deacon Chris is writing these daily reflections and they are available on the Parish website www.stjohnpaul2preston.org.uk and the Parish Facebook page (St John Paul 2 Preston). Please spare a quiet time during your busy day to read and reflect on his Spiritual Guidance, during this Lenten season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be held each Sunday during Lent, alternately at Sacred Heart Church & SS Peter & Paul Church. See the Mass times for clarification.

MASS AT ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL: All Parishioners are invited to join with the school children at St Bernard's Primary school for Mass on Tuesday 4th April at 9.30am.

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

EASTER TRIDUUM: Volunteers required for the Easter Triduum. See the enclosed leaflet and PLEASE volunteer if you can.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lawler

(Names of Sick and Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Gordan Kay RIP & Eileen Goss RIP
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Olive Ferguson RIP
Sunday 26th March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Martin Henry RIP Olive Ferguson RIP Stations of the Cross
Monday 27th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday 28th March	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Joan & Harold Doyle RIP (Anniversary on 29 th March)
Wednesday 29th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Marta Brella RIP
Thursday 30th March	SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.	Olive Ferguson RIP Funeral Service for Samuel Shirley
Friday 31st March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased Senior Carer at Laurel Villas
Saturday 1st April	SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Olive Ferguson RIP
Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Marin Henry RIP Olive Ferguson RIP Stations of the Cross

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: There is a list in the porch which you could please put your name on if you would like to take part in the Offertory procession. Thank you

BINGO: The next bingo session is **Thursday 30th March**, in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Come along and enjoy a warm afternoon of fun. You may be lucky too.

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.

EASTER RAFFLE: We are holding our usual Easter Raffle at Sacred Heart. A box is available in the church porch for your chocolate donations and raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass **today and next Sunday**. Many thanks

EASTER FLOWERS: We will be having sponsored flowers for Easter again this year. The instructions and envelopes are at the back of Church. Fill in the sheet and take an envelope for your donation. You can give the envelope to Marie, Pam or Sue, or put it in the collection. Don't forget to put your name on!

BITS & BOBS STALL: The Easter Bits and Bobs stall will continue TODAY and each Sunday until Easter Sunday.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

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

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – 30th March 2pm (once a fortnight)

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, keep warm and enjoy an afternoon of good company.

COFFEE MORNING: Our next monthly Coffee morning will be held in the church hall on Palm Sunday (Next week).

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

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: Many people don't know that CAFOD offer a Gap Year opportunity, which is a great chance for young people to learn more about our Faith, learn some great skills and become leaders in our community. See poster in church porch.

THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAMME is open to Yr 12 & Lower 6th form young people. Please see the poster in the church porch. Closing date 31st March 2023
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