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**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**200 CLUB DRAW**

17/9/23 Wk 25 No 177 G Swarbrick £500

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£250.70	10/9/23	114
	£220.45	17/9/23	128
SS Peter & Paul	£175.25	10/9/23	23
	£139.00	17/9/23	36

**PLEASE REMEMBER FAITH ORRELL IN YOUR PRAYERS, AS SHE BECOMES PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN SHE IS BAPTISED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.**

**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.**

**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.**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We have received several enquiries regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation and when will it take place. This Sacrament is conferred on candidates who are baptised Catholics and have made their First Confession and First Holy Communion and should also be frequent Mass attenders on Sundays. Pupils in Year 6 at both our schools have received letters and Our Lady's High School has also circulated the information. The invitation is also open to anyone else who is eligible and desires to receive this wonderful Sacrament. An application form is available on the Parish website. [www.stjohnpaul2preston.org](http://www.stjohnpaul2preston.org) The closing date for applications is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Please note that no date has been set for Confirmation!**

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY: Bishop's Administration Fund**

**RETIRING COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October at Sacred Heart Church only: Home Mission Evangelli Gaudium Day**

**FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO** in Sacred Heart Hall – on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

**COFFEE MORNING** and **TRASH TO TREASURE STALL** at SS Peter & Paul Church – Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	Successful Treatment
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	William & Alice Southworth RIP (Anniversaries)
	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	1.00 p.m.	<b>Baptism:</b> Faith Abigail Kathleen Orrell
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Eileen and Anthony O'Keefe
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Sts Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6.30 p.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Eileen Brockbank RIP
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Wenceslaus</i>	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.00 a.m.	Eric & Monica Hobson RIP (Anniversary 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>SS Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	9.30 a.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m.	For God's Grace for all who are called upon the care for a family member or friend.
	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.30 a.m.	Mary Melling RIP

**SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Taking place today during 10am Mass. Thank you for your kind donations.

**LADIES GUILD:** The Ladies guild intend to have a stall for hats, scarves and gloves in the next few weeks. If you have any items in good condition, please bring them and there will be a collection box at the back of church. You can then buy new ones for winter for a small fee and raise funds for Church.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS**

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee morning will be next **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.** Please take an envelope from the back of Church.

**DAY OF RENEWAL:** The next day of Renewal will be held at St Clare's Church, Fulwood, Preston on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the poster at the back of Church.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.