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**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**200 CLUB DRAW**

3/12/23 Wk 36 No 121 Eliza McKeever £20

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

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|-----------------|---------|-----|
| Sacred Heart    | £202.61 | 113 |
| SS Peter & Paul | £140.00 | 36  |

**FRANCIELLE MAIA DOS SANTOS BECOMES PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN SHE IS BAPTISED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HER AND HER FAMILY 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 Cupboard Love Foodbank continues to benefit from your ongoing generosity. Tuesday openings will not be continuing into 2024. There will just be fortnightly Saturday sessions. 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.i.taylor345@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.i.taylor345@gmail.com)

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for December is *Peace in our Troubled World*.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS:** Christmas Leaflets, showing all the Parish Christmas Masses and Services, are available at the back of Church. Please could you take some on your way out of church and post them through letterboxes of houses in your street, to advertise what is going on in our Parish over the Christmas period. Thank You.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024:** Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or email [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk) and for the youth email [youth@lancaster.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancaster.co.uk) Please see the posters in the church porch. Please see Fr Sam for a Booking form.

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGuill and James Montgomery  
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**

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| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>St John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>                   | <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>                               | 10.30 a.m.               | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary<br>Kathleen McEnnerney RIP<br><b>Baptism:</b> Francielle Maia Dos Santos |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>                         | <i>Sacred Heart</i><br><i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>        | 11.00 a.m.<br>1.00 p.m.  | James Southworth RIP<br>Olive Ferguson RIP  |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>St Damasus I</i>                                    | <i>Sacred Heart</i>                                      | 9.30 a.m.                | Chinenye Ofia RIP   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>                          | <i>Sacred Heart</i><br><i>Sacred Heart</i>               | 9.30 a.m.<br>6.30 p.m.   | James Southworth RIP<br>Advent Reflection Service   |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>St Lucy</i>                                      | <i>Sacred Heart</i>                                      | 9.30 a.m.                | Jimmy Holmes  |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>St John of the Cross</i>                          | <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>                               | 10.00 a.m.               | In Thanksgiving for a First Great Grandson  |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <i>Sacred Heart</i>                                      | 9.30 a.m.                | Rose Uchenna Ezulike RIP  |
| <b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i><br><i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i> | 10.30 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary<br>November List   |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b><br><b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b> | <i>Sacred Heart</i><br><i>SS Peter &amp; Paul</i>        | 10.00 a.m.<br>11.30 a.m. | Rose Avila McCullough – New Grandchild safely delivered.<br>People of the Parish                                      |

**SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS**

**BINGO:** The next bingo session will be held this Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December in Sacred Heart Centre. As a one off this will begin at 12.30pm with a Christmas Party. 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.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE:** This is the last chance to buy Christmas raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. when we make up the hampers. Winning numbers will be displayed in Church on Sun.17<sup>th</sup> so winners can have their prizes in time for Christmas.

**SPONSORED FLOWERS:** As usual we will be having sponsored flowers for Christmas. There is a list with instructions at the back of Church.

**CHRISTMAS BITS & BOBS STALL:** Do visit our "Bits and Bobs stall" after Mass for Christmas crafts at bargain prices.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS**

**COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA:** Last week's coffee morning and tombola raised a grand total of £192.80. Our grateful thanks to all who worked towards this event, contributed or took part.

**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.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - the church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and as ever volunteers are needed to help. Greenery is desperately required too and if you can leave this in the church porch after 11:00 on 23<sup>rd</sup> that would be great. All money donations towards the cost would be more than gratefully received as well and can be put in the collection box in the porch. Give Una a call on 07918 021328 if you can help in any way.

**A BLESSED MESSIAH IS BORN – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 7PM:** You are invited to a performance of sacred music in preparation for Christmas at **St Joseph's Church**, Skeffington Road, Preston, PR1 5UQ. The concert is performed by Occento choir conducted by Nathan Smith, with the repertoire including pieces such as: *Away in a Manger*, *The Crown of Roses*, *In Dulci Jubilo* and *Gabriel's Message*. See the poster in the church porch.

**FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO** in Sacred Heart Hall – THIS Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm with a Christmas Party

**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

**CAN ANYONE GIVE A HOME TO A PIANO:** One of our parishioners is looking for a home for a full size electric piano. It is a Casio Celviano model with many functions and comes with a piano stool. It will be ideal for a competent pianist and also for a beginner. For more information/details please speak to Annie our choir leader or ring 07539 100855.