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**28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

**PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

**200 CLUB DRAW**

21/4/24 Wk 3 To be drawn this week

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£265.82	98
SS Peter & Paul	£113.00	34

PLEASE REMEMBER, IN YOUR PRAYERS, JOE HOWARD, WHO DIED LAST WEEKEND. JOE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH ALL HIS LIFE AND HAD WORKED HARD FOR MANY YEARS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR MARIE AND ALL THE FAMILY. MAY HIS SOUL, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

ON SUNDAY, FELIX GERGELY BECOMES PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY, WHEN HE IS BAPTISED IN SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK:** Tangible Easter joy for the needy in our community. £500.00 of your donations together with £200.00 from a Preston City Council grant as well as foodstuffs from the Cupboard Love store, have enabled the filling of 70 food bags for needy families of Sacred Heart school. The children from the school council chose food and toiletries for each bag, went along to purchase some of the supplies and enthusiastically helped to fill the 70 bags. The bags were distributed on Maundy Thursday. Your continued generosity has brought tangible Easter joy to so many in need. It has also kindled the spirit of community kindness amongst many of our schoolchildren. Your kindness and prayers bring blessings in abundance. 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.j.taylor345@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.j.taylor345@gmail.com)

**FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm.

**SCAFFOLDING AROUND SACRED HEART CHURCH:** Scaffolding is being erected around Sacred Heart Church in readiness for the work on the guttering. Please take care when walking past the church. It will be in place for several months.

**FOOD DONATIONS in SS Peter & Paul Church:** 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.

**CARD READER FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS ETC. in Sacred Heart Church:** From next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a card reader installed at the back of church for your card donations. If you need help using this for the first time, please ask either Rev Chris or Janice for help. It is hoped this will help those of you who do not always have cash to hand. Donations can also be Gift Aided through this system. Many thanks for your donations.

**GLORIA:** During the Easter Season a new 'Gloria' will be sung at Sacred Heart on a Sunday. Please join the choir singing:

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** Our Parish is in urgent need of a Safeguarding Rep. Please see the enclosed notice regarding this important Parish role.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS**



<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Terminally ill parishioners Larry Ogike – Thanksgiving for favours received.
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Les Perry Jnr RIP (Anniversary)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>12.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Baptism:</b> Felix Gergely
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Joe Howard RIP
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Pius V</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Phelim Henry RIP
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>St Athanasius</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	In Memory of Neil Prince RIP
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Sts Philip &amp; James</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	James Southworth RIP
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>The English Martyrs</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: <b>Vocation to the Priesthood</b> )
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Anniversary)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Kathleen & Alan Jones RIP In Memory of Neil Prince RIP

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Tuesday 18th June, 2024 in Sacred Heart Church at 6.30pm

There are four preparation sessions, which will be held at 6pm in Sacred Heart Church, and which **MUST** all be attended by the candidate and sponsor.



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June & Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> after 6:30 pm Mass**

**REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY**

**COFFEE MORNING & SUPER TOMBOLA AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May after 11.30am Mass. ALL WELCOME**  
**FRIENDS OF ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH – Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6.45pm in the Presbytery – ALL WELCOME - Please come along with new ideas for the Parish Community.**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 7pm in the Presbytery.**

**MULTINATIONAL AFTERNOON in Sacred Heart Hall – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 6pm ALL WELCOME – MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**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**  
**CAFOD & SVP:** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A *Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS in Sacred Heart Church:** To all of you who enjoy a cuppa, biscuit and a sweet after Mass, thank you for your support, donations and kind words. However, we need some help. Due to other commitments, from Easter Sunday, tea after mass will be every fortnight and not every week – unless you can come to our assistance and look after the alternate weeks. If we can work together, refreshments could be every week, but the individual commitment could be once a month. If you can, please chat to any of us before or after Mass. Thanks, from Nicola, Alan, Paul and Catherine.

**COFFEE MORNING & SUPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church:** The monthly coffee mornings are beginning again at SS Peter & Paul Church **Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** after 11.30am Mass. Wow, and there will be a Super Tombola run by Claire and friends – please come and try your luck.

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre:** The next bingo session will be held on **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May** in Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.

**BOILER & BUILDING FUND:** As you will see, both of our churches are having major work carried out and this is extremely costly. If you are able donate to this fund, please put your donation into an envelope marked 'boiler/building fund' and place in the offertory. Thank you.

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL - ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND (Sacred Heart Church only)**  
**RETIRING COLLECTION 5<sup>th</sup> MAY – CAFOD – SUDAN CRISIS**  
**RETIRING COLLECTION 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

**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.