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SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

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| Saturday 5 th February | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 11.00 a.m. | Lily Abram RIP |
| Sunday 6 th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | <i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. | Agnes & Tony McKeever People of the Parish Baptism: Conor & Rowan Smith |
| Monday 7 th February | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 9:30 am | Gerard McCabe |
| Tuesday 8 th February St. Josephine Bakhita | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 6.30 pm | Bob & Monica Jones |
| Weds 9 th February | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 9.30 a.m. | Mental Illness |
| Thursday 10 th February St. Scholastica | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 10.00 a.m. | Joyce Curry |
| Friday 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes | <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 9.30 a.m. | Jim Aherne |
| Saturday 12 th February | <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 11.00 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Sunday 13 th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | <i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>SS Peter & Paul</i> | 10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. | Brian Iddon & Family People of the Parish |

Please pray for all our Parish Sick and Housebound. We pray also for all those who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur about this time. 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.

The weekly bulletin can be viewed on our Parish Facebook page and also on-line @ www.stjohnpaul2preston.co.uk

PARISH NEWS

Please note that Mass will be celebrated on Monday mornings at 9:30 am at Sacred Heart Church as from 7th February.

| WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE | | | | |
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| DATE | CHURCH | COLLECTION | ATTENDANCE | CHURCH PROJECT |
| 30th January 2022 | Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul | £163.85 £101.00 | 88 24 | |

MISSION APPEAL: Last weekend's appeal for the Spiritans raised £234.02. Many thanks for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first meeting with the children is planned for **Sunday 20th March at 11am**. If your child is eligible for the next First Holy Communion programme, please see the letter of introduction on the parish website www.stjohnpaul2parish.org.uk and at the back of each church.

CHURCH PROJECT: Total donation this tax year **£200**. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project over the past years. May God bless and reward you generously, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Work is still ongoing, and we look forward to receiving your generous 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.

OFFERTORY: Besides or instead of your weekly offerings in church, you can set up a **STANDING ORDER** or pay by **BACS payment**. The Parish account details are as follows: **ST JOHN PAUL II PRESTON 40-27-02 21335251**. If you have a **Gift-Aid number**, please quote as reference along with your name.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Your continued generosity is so greatly appreciated. Several hundred pounds have now been raised from our Parish. Envelopes are still available at the back of each church. Blessings for all your donations and prayers.

SYNOD 2022/3: Following the Synod meetings which were held last month, the completed questionnaires along with the minutes, incorporating all responses received, will be forwarded to the Diocese.

The minutes will be at the back of both churches, with individual copies available, from next Sunday 13th February.

The next steps for the parish will be discussed by the Parish Council (3rd March) and put to a wider parish meeting, date to be confirmed.

Once again a huge thank you to all who participated, in whatever form, and we look forward to the benefits our parish will gain going forward.

THIS WEEK'S 200 CLUB WINNER IS –

06/2/22 Wk 97 C. Barwise £500

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

ROSARY GROUP: the Rosary Group calls upon all our parish to collectively join them in praying the Rosary from their homes in order to bring about a swift end to the coronavirus. Hopefully, our combined efforts will be successful.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: An announcement will be made soon as to when this will resume.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary every Saturday (Except Christmas Day and New Year's Day) at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

BINGO: Bingo sessions are held on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome to join in. Please come along.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Now that we have returned to regular masses and increased attendances, flowers will also return to the altar. Huge thanks to a kind parishioner for a truly generous donation to our depleted flower fund that has guaranteed a constant supply of flowers for months to come. The next problem is the lack of people to help with the weekly church decoration and we need a few volunteers please! I will be leaving the parish after Christmas and would be so grateful if there was somebody to whom I could hand over the “keys and the money”! Please contact me at church or on 0791 802 1328 if you can help - Una Blackburn

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: SS Peter & Paul's Children's Liturgy group will begin again at 11.30a.m. Mass on 13th February and then every 2nd & 4th Sunday afterwards.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP. Thank you for your continuing support as we deal with requests for help or assistance. Kindly note that our next church door collections will be on Sunday 6th February. Any needs, please contact Bernard Unsworth 01772875151

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC.

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out not just for our country but the whole world, that, through the wisdom of medical experts and national leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured, lasting prosperity and relief from this pandemic may soon be achieved. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The SVP will be holding their monthly collection at each mass today (6th Feb).