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3RD DECEMBER 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

26/11/23 Wk 35 No 54 F Spaulding £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£293.29	208
SS Peter & Paul	£131.00	27

PLEASE REMEMBER KATHLEEN MCENNERNEY IN YOUR PRAYERS, WHO DIED RECENTLY. SHE WAS A LONGSTANDING PARISHIONER OF SACRED HEART CHURCH WHERE SHE WAS MARRIED IN 1958. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

KAI KENNY BECOMES A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN HE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HIM AND HIS 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

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*.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS MEAL: For those who have ordered transport, the taxis will leave Sacred Heart at 6-45 on Wed. and will pick us up at 10-15 from the Golf club.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT: TODAY at 2pm. Tickets £3 including light refreshments (Accompanied children free.) There will be a raffle and bits and bobs stall. Tickets on sale after Mass or on the door.

RETIREING COLLECTION TODAY SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER – Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

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.

ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL PLAY: St. Bernard's Catholic School have their dress rehearsals for their nativity celebration plays next week. Nursery and Reception Monday 4th at 10:00 am. Year 1 and 2 Tuesday 5th 2:00 pm. We would like to invite parishioners to come to these events as part of developing our school & Parish links. If any parishioner would like to attend, please contact Annie on 01772 728153 or email office@st-bernards.lancs.sch.uk

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Whiteside and Patrick McGuill

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

Saturday 2nd December <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	C J Winstanley – Safe delivery & good health
Sunday 3rd December FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Faith Orrell – For her Baptism in September
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	Sacred Heart	1.00 p.m.	Baptism: Kai Kenny
Monday 4th December St John Damascene	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen McEnnerney RIP
Tuesday 5th December	Sacred Heart	6.15 p.m.	Stillness and Reflection
	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Bill Beetham RIP
Wednesday 6th December St Nicholas	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Margaret Mary Speakman RIP
Thursday 7th December St Ambrose	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Ibison family
Friday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	James Southworth RIP
Saturday 9th December St John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Kathleen McEnnerney RIP
Sunday 10th December SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	James Southworth RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Olive Ferguson RIP

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held this Thursday, 14th December in Sacred Heart Centre. As a one off this will begin at 12.30pm with a Christmas Lunch. 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: There is a box at the back of Church for donations of Christmas food and drink. Raffle tickets on sale this week.

ASHTON COVENANTED CHURCHES WALKING NATIVITY & CAROL SING - SATURDAY 9TH DEC: Please come and join the Walking Nativity, starting at Sacred Heart Community Centre at 4.30pm. Children are welcome to dress up in Nativity costumes and all can bring lanterns or torches. It will end at Sacred Heart Centre with light refreshments. (See parish leaflet)

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

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA: THIS Sunday 3rd Dec with a Bumper Tombola. Any donations of bottles, chocolates, biscuits or toiletries may be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you. Monica

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.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall –Thursday, 14th December 12.30pm with a Christmas Lunch

SS PETER & PAUL COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA – TODAY Sunday 3rd December after Mass at SS Peter & Paul Church

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT – In Sacred Heart Community Centre TODAY Sunday 3rd December at 2pm – Tickets on sale after Mass

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.