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18TH AUGUST 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP and Margaret Gilleran RIP People of the Parish Baptism: Leo Daniel Clifford Firth
Monday 19th August St John Eudes	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday 20th August St Bernard	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Abra Neke Ogike (9 th Birthday) Andrew Carmichael RIP & Margaret Gilleran RIP
Wednesday 21st August St Pius X	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP & Margaret Gilleran RIP
Thursday 22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SS Peter & Paul	<u>9.30 a.m.</u>	George Sargent Jnr RIP (Birthday)
Friday 23rd August St Rose of Lima	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Nora Aherne RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 24th August St Bartholomew	SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: The work of CAFOD) Private Intention – Rev Jim Slater
Sunday 25th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Abra Neke Ogike (9 th Birthday) People of the Parish

WEEKLY PRAYER for the Year of Prayer

Lord God, you hold out the light of your Word to those who do not know you. Strengthen in our hearts the faith you have given us, so that no trials may quench the fire your Spirit has kindled within us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

(Please email your prayers for the Year of Prayer to stjohnpaul2preston@gmail.com)

CENTENARY PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs. Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the 'pearl of great price' which will bring them eternal life. And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the 'mother of countless children', and given her place in heavenly glory. This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

Agnes McGuill, Nora Aherne & James Slater
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 & Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

11/8/24 Wk 19 No. 68 Olivia Barwise £500
Congratulations Olivia

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£243.29	112
SS Peter & Paul	£110.50	36

TODAY, WE WELCOME LEO FIRTH INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY WHEN HE IS BAPTISED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER LEO AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: The organisers of the food bank send a massive thank you for all your donations. For future dates, please see the poster at the back of the church. Anyone new wishing to volunteer at the foodbank should contact Paul.j.taylor345@gmail.com

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.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Our Parish is still in urgent need of a Safeguarding Rep. The Diocese are constantly in contact with Fr Sam to ensure this role is filled. **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS ROLE.**

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church: The coffee morning last Sunday 4th August raised £64.10. Thank you to everyone for your support. The next coffee morning will take place on 1st Sept after 11.30am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: There will be no BINGO afternoons during August. The next Bingo afternoon will be on 19th September.

BOILER & BUILDING FUND: If you can donate to this fund, it would be very gratefully received.

Annie, our Choir-leader and Organist, is retiring at the end of August after 20 years in the role. We are hopeful that someone will come forward to fill the position, thus supporting our choir and the ministry of music in our parish. Any enquiries, please speak with Annie after Sunday 10.00am Mass or ring her on 07539 100855. To mark all the years Annie has given to our Parish, we are celebrating with cake and a cuppa after Mass on her last day (Sunday 25th August). Fr Sam hopes you will be able to stay and wish Annie well for the future.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

CATHOLIC TRUST FOR ENGLAND AND WALES: Sunday 25th August
Catholic Education Services: Sunday 8th September

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat at one of our Parish Coffee mornings: -
COFFEE MORNING AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH: Sunday 1st September after 11.30am Mass (First Sunday of the month)
TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS AT SACRED HEART: Sunday 25th August after 10 am Mass for Annie's Thankyou celebration.

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.

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

For any donations, Mass offerings, hall bookings etc to be paid by BACS our bank details are:
A/C – LRC DTR. Sort Code – 402702. A/C No – 21335251.
Please always add your name and the reason for payment e.g. Mass offering, donation to boiler fund etc.