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22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Peter Ellarby RIP (lately dead)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Teresa Whittle RIP
Tuesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Thomas Lynch RIP
Wednesday 25th September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Teresa Whittle RIP
Thursday 26th September Sts Cosmas & Damian	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Holt Family
Friday 27th September St Vincent de Paul	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Thomas Lynch RIP
Saturday 28th September St Wenceslaus	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Persecuted Christians)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Chris & Martin Turner RIP (Anniversaries)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Sid Woods RIP (Lately Dead)

WEEKLY PRAYER for the Year of Prayer

God Our Father, we pray for all those who have been affected by the floods in Central Europe we pray for those who have lost their lives. We pray also those who survived but have lost everything. We must all be aware of what climate change can do to the world and its people. 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.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Barwise, Frederick Goss, Martin McGuill, Mary Kay
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.

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.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

15/9/24 Wk 24 No. 16 Donna Smith £20
£500 draw this week – good luck everyone

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£229.14	123
SS Peter & Paul	£134.70	43

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.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Baptised Catholic children who are in the current Yr4 at school are invited to join the preparation programme for First Confession and Holy Communion. The programme starts on **Sunday September 22nd in Sacred Heart Community Centre at 11:30am**. The remainder of the sessions will be in **Sacred Heart church on Thursdays**. Letters have been distributed at both our schools. Any Yr4 child and above who is not baptised and wishes to be so can make an

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 & TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church: The next coffee morning will take place on **Sunday 6th October** after 11.30am Mass. There will also be a Tombola for you all to enjoy. Everyone is welcome.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next Bingo afternoon will be on **3rd October at 2pm – ALL WELCOME**

BOILER & BUILDING FUND: If you are able, all donations to this fund will be gratefully received.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: A date for your diary – **1st November** in the Sacred Heart Centre in aid of Parish funds – Tickets will be available soon. Come along and enjoy a social evening.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: CAFOD family fast day is coming up on **4th October** – Envelopes are available next week. Collection on 6th October. "Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope."

SPONSOR A BULB AT SACRED HEART: Some bulbs have been purchased, which will bloom in the spring, to brighten the church garden at Sacred Heart Church. They will be planted along the path by the lawn. There will be a box at the back of church for you to sponsor a bulb with a suggested donation of £1 for church funds.

COME AND SING WITH THE CHOIR

As you know, from this week the choir and congregation will be singing to CD backing tracks. The choir members are few and we would love to welcome some more singers to swell our numbers. If you would like to sit and sing with us at Mass, you are more than welcome. There is no long-term commitment, please, just come along and give us your support.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Bishop's Administration Fund: TODAY 22nd September
CAFOD Family Fast Day: 6th October

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat at one of our Parish Coffee mornings: -
COFFEE MORNING & TOMBOLA AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH: Sunday 6th October after 11.30am Mass (First Sunday of the month)
TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS AT SACRED HEART: Sunday 13th October after 10am Mass (Second Sunday of the month)
BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall: Thursday 3rd OCTOBER at 2pm – ALL WELCOME

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**
THE BISHOPS CERTIFICATE FOR CATECHESIS: This is a new 2year course offered through collaboration with the Diocese of Southwark. It is an exciting opportunity to assist those engaged in catechesis in our parish to deepen your understanding thof the faith. There are a few booklets at the back of church and a poster in the porch. For more information visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lancaster> or contact Jackie Broadley Jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk or 01524 841190

If you wish to pay by BACS for donations, Mass offerings, hall bookings etc, 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, 200 club etc.