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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW

21/4/24 Wk 3 No 115 A Price £100
28/4/24 Wk 4 No 69 L Rowley £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£281.13	174
SS Peter & Paul	£166.77	44

ON SUNDAY, COOPER WINDER BECOMES PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY, WHEN HE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART 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 see the poster at the back of the church. Anyone new wishing to volunteer at the foodbank should contact Paul.j.taylor345@gmail.com

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting for the First Holy Communion children and parents is on **Thursday 9th 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 today 5th May, there is 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. Janice will be at the back of church this week for help if needed. 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday 5th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Anniversary) Kathleen & Alan Jones RIP In Thanksgiving for Mary Ideba's Birthday In Memory of Neil Prince RIP Baptism: Cooper Winder
Monday 6th May	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Joe Howard RIP
Tuesday 7th May	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 8th May	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen & Alan Jones RIP
Thursday 9th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 10th May St John De Avila	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Gerard Hodgson RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 11th May	SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Vocation to the Priesthood) For a sick relative
Sunday 12th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Joe Howard RIP Thanksgiving for Matilda Babalola's Birthday

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



Monday 6th May, Thursday 6th June & Tuesday June 11th after 6:30 pm Mass

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE MORNING & SUPER TOMBOLA AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH - TODAY Sunday 5th May after 11.30am Mass. ALL WELCOME

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH - Meeting on 8th 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, 9th May, 2pm - 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

MULTINATIONAL AFTERNOON in Sacred Heart Hall - Saturday 8th 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 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 5th 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, 9th 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 5th MAY - CAFOD - SUDAN CRISIS
RETIRING COLLECTION 12TH MAY - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY
SVP COLLECTION 19th MAY

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.