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1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st September TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Joe Howard RIP (Birthday) Edith Huckin RIP (Anniversary) & Leslie Huckin RIP (Birthday)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	SS Peter & Paul	12.30 p.m.	Baptism: Lillie Eve Graham
Monday 2nd September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Joe Howard RIP (Birthday)
Tuesday 3rd September St Gregory the Great	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Thomas Lynch RIP
Wednesday 4th September St Cuthbert	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Edith Huckin RIP (Anniversary) & Leslie Huckin RIP (Birthday)
Thursday 5th September St Herbert	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Friday 6th September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Speedy recovery
Saturday 7th September The Blessed Virgin Mary	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.	
Sunday 8th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Bernadette & John 60 th Wedding Anniversary

WEEKLY PRAYER for the Year of Prayer

Please God, help families, who no longer speak to each other, to be reunited. For all divorced couples who are having problems, to remain amicable, especially for the children. For all families who have various problems, give them strength and for all who have lost a family member recently, bring them comfort. 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

25/8/24 wk 21 No. 147 M Woodhouse £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£312.58	127
SS Peter & Paul	£120.11	36

TODAY, WE WELCOME LILLIE EVE GRAHAM INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY WHEN SHE IS BAPTISED AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER LILLIE EVE AND HER 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 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 are able, all donations to this fund will be gratefully received.

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

Catholic Education Services: Sunday 8th September
Home Mission – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: 15th September
Bishop's Administration Fund: 22nd 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 8th September after 10am Mass (Second Sunday of the month)
FRIENDS OF ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH: Next meeting is this Weds 4th Sept at 6.45pm in the Presbytery. Please come and help support your Parish.
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 12th September at 7pm in the Presbytery

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 of 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.