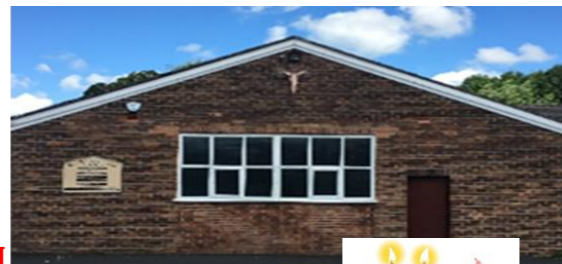




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8TH DECEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Elizabeth & Ellen Fisher RIP God's Divine favour and protection on the Okeke family Chimezie Ogike (Birthday)
Monday 9th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	St Bernards School	11.00 a.m.	November List
Tuesday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Wednesday 11th December St Damasus I	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Dec'd members of the O'Reilly family and Jackie & Bob Rafferty RIP
Thursday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Delia Hayes RIP
Friday 13th December St Lucy	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Goss and Spaulding families
Saturday 14th December St John of the Cross	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: For Peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our world.) Fr Bob Horn RIP
Sunday 15th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of Okeke and Orji families Unborn Child George RIP

FATHER BOB HORN'S FUNERAL WILL BE HELD IN OUR LADY AND ST EDWARDS CHURCH ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 11.30am. MAY HE REST IN PEACE

YEAR OF PRAYER

St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. 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.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGill, James Montgomery
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
1/12/24 Wk 35 No 166 K McCullough £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£198.40	97
SS Peter & Paul	£120.00	50

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next Thursday Session of the First Holy Communion Programme will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 6 p.m.

PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next Bingo afternoon will be on 18th December at 2pm for a Christmas Party – **ALL WELCOME**

GRAND CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart Church: Our usual Grand Christmas raffle is being held again this year, with proceeds going to Parish funds. We would be grateful for donations of Christmas food and drink prizes please, to be left in the basket at the back of church. The raffle will be drawn on the last weekend on Advent and tickets will be on sale this Sunday, after Mass.

SACRED HEART SPONSORED FLORAL DECORATIONS: As usual we will be having sponsored decorations in Church this Christmas. The donations from Christmas and Easter pay for flowers in Church throughout the year. The list with instructions and envelopes for donations are at the back of Church.



Sacred Heart Choir entertained the residents at Abraham House Care Home. The residents really enjoyed their sing song especially as we were joined by Rev Chris in his Santa Hat.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:

St Clare R C Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, PR2 9HH
Tuesdays 7.30 – 8.30pm. 9 Sessions beginning Thursday 23rd January 2025
Please see the poster in the church porch.

WE HAVE PURCHASED A SMALL NUMBER OF SUNDAY MISSALS IN THE NEW LITURGY TEXT WHICH WE WILL HAVE ON SALE FOR £15. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A MISSAL, PLEASE SEE A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY.

ASHTON COVENANTED CHURCHES – WALKING NATIVITY: Ashton Covenanted Churches Walking Nativity and Neighbourhood Carol Sing: following the success of last year's event and discussions with local church leaders, we are delighted to be having the same event this year on **Saturday 21st December, 4pm.** Please contact Luke for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there! 0

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY – see details above

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS at Sacred Heart: Sunday 8th December after 10am Mass (Second Sunday of the month)
BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall: Weds 18th December at 2pm Christmas Party – **ALL WELCOME**
GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW at Sacred Heart Church: The draw will be held on the last weekend in Advent – **Tickets on sale after Mass. Please bring donations for Prizes.**
PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Hynning Hall: Tuesday 18th March 2025

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

PRESTON PEDALS – 16TH December 10-12.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall – Friendly bike repair service with a Mechanic. Bring your own bikes to work on. Book this event on this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1104949596989?aff=oddtcreator>

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.