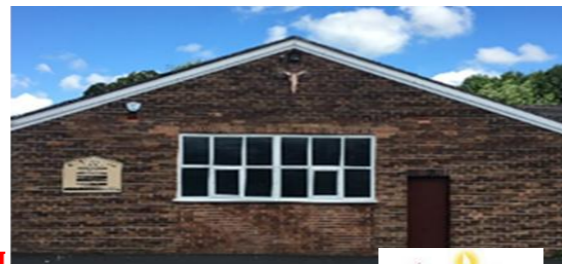




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1ST DECEMBER 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Nancy Hinds RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Julia & Joseph Beno RIP
Monday 2nd December	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	November list Deceased friends of Eleanor RIP
Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Departed friends and family RIP
Wednesday 4th December St John Damascene	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of Pickles & Moulding families
Thursday 5th December	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Friday 6th December St Nicholas	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	November list
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose	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.) Departed friends and family RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Departed friends and family RIP
Sunday 8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth & Ellen Fisher RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

FATHER BOB HORN SADLY PASSED AWAY LAST SUNDAY.

HIS FUNERAL WILL BE HELD IN OUR LADY AND ST EDWARDS CHURCH ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 11.30am.

YEAR OF PRAYER

Holy Spirit we pray to you to change the hearts of all world leaders and kindle in them the fire of your love, to stop these wars in our world and bring Peace to those people and countries. 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.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Poor Missions: This Sunday 1st December 2024

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGuill, 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
24/11/24 Wk 34 No.158 F Rowley £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£228.78	128
SS Peter & Paul	£100.00	31

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

COFFEE MORNING at ss Peter & Paul church: Last week's coffee morning raised £15.50 for church funds. Thank you to all who came along and supported us.

AUCTION at SS Peter & Paul Church: A big thank you to all who donated and helped last Sunday's auction. The sum raised was £280 and the proceeds have gone to Fr Sam, to help to get him to his homeland after 4 years without a break. Fr Sam really enjoyed the event as you can see in the photos below. A big thank you and God Bless you from Claire Southworth.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND BUMPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church: **THIS Sunday 1st December** there will be a Coffee morning and Bumper Christmas Tombola after 11.30 am Mass, on the hall. Prizes of Chocolates, Biscuits & Toiletries. Thank you, Monica
BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next Bingo afternoon will be on 4th December at 2pm and there is a Bingo Christmas party on 18th December at 2pm – **ALL WELCOME**

PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL: A Parish Christmas meal this **Friday 6th December at 7pm for the meal at 7.30pm.** Please bring a small amount of cash with you for a tip for our chef and also for a raffle, the proceeds of which will go to church funds.

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 from 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.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN PAUL 2 PARISH: Meeting this Weds evening, 4th December, at 6.45pm in the Presbytery.

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 years event and discussions with local church leaders, we are delighted to be having the same event this year on Saturday 21st December, 4pm. There is a planning meeting this Tuesday 3rd December, 6pm at St Michaels for all who would like to support and get involved. Please contact Luke for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY – see details above

COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church: TODAY Sunday 1st December after Mass
PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL in SACRED HEART CENTRE: Friday 6th December 7pm for 7.30pm
TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS at Sacred Heart: Sunday 8th December after 10am Mass (Second Sunday of the month)
BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall: Thursday 4th December at 2pm – **ALL WELCOME**
GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW at Sacred Heart Church: Last weekend in Advent – *Tickets on sale after Mass from next week. Please bring donations for Prizes.*
PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Hying 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**

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.