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8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

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 William Southworth RIP (Birthday)
Monday 9th September St Peter Claver	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	St Bernards School	11.00 a.m.	For the new school year (All Parishioners are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 10th September	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Shirani Lewis – Speedy Recovery
Wednesday 11th September	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	
Thursday 12th September The Most Holy Name of Mary	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Carole & Bernard Coupe (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
Friday 13th September St John Chrysostom	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	
Saturday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	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.	William Southworth RIP (Birthday)
Sunday 15th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Carole & Bernard Coupe (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP (Birthday-16 th Sept)

WEEKLY PRAYER for the Year of Prayer

Lord help me to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. 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

1/9/24 Wk 22 No. 89 C Welsh £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£244.49	115
SS Peter & Paul	£79.60	40

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 approach to any member of the parish clergy. Application forms are also available from the clergy.

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: Last week's coffee morning raised £41.40 for the Parish. Thank you to all who helped and took part. 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.

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 – more details to follow.

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: TODAY 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 & 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: TODAY Sunday 8th September after 10am Mass (Second Sunday of the month)

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.