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**5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Jean & Gerry Swarbrick's Special Intention Kay Slater RIP (Anniversary) Ken Slater RIP (Anniversary) <b>Baptism:</b> Sophia Ellen Naylor-Mawdesley
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>St Raymond of Penyafort</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	6.30 p.m.	Dec'd members of the Henry Family
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.00 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Fr Sam)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.00 a.m.	Slater Family
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	James Montgomery RIP (Anniversary)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	Christmas Blessings for Martin & Roisin Harkin and Johnny & Margaret Higgins

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A REQUIEM MASS, FOR THE LATE HAZEL PRYCE, IN SACRED HEART CHURCH ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 11.15am. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

**YEAR OF PRAYER**

Lord, grant that we may never be wanting in doing good deeds, not even in the face of persecutions, since our final reward will be eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Please email your prayers for the Year of Prayer to [stjohnpaul2preston@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Martha Taylor, Cath Nickson, Barbara Kay, Phillip McGuill, Terry Ward, Tom Price, Ken Slater & Kay Slater  
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 and Margaret Rafferty  
(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**  
22/12/24 wk 39 No. 164 S McKeever £500  
Congratulations

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

Sacred Heart	£193.99	
SS Peter & Paul	£100.00	34

**WE WELCOME SOPHIA ELLEN NAYLOR-MAWDESLEY TO OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY, WHEN SHE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HER AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 6 p.m.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK:** To all our parishioners..... to let you know that with a combination of grant funding and your generous donations, the Cupboard Love Foodbank was able to provide all the provisions for over 80 food bags. These were made up at Sacred Heart Primary School and distributed to families in need. Your continuing generosity enabled the true meaning of Christmas to spread to our neighbours who are finding life a struggle during the Christmas season and onwards. Your kindness has made a difference. Blessings to you one and all for your donations and your prayers.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Sacred Heart Church:** A special thankyou to the amazing parents who have reorganised their plans to bring their children along for the nativity tableau on Christmas Eve. A big thank you to our children and parents who will participate on the evening. They make Hilary, Favour and I very proud. Not forgetting our wonderful Hilary who wrote the script and tableau design. Wishing everyone a merry and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to seeing all children for Sunday liturgy again in 2025. We will start again **Next Sunday 12th January 2025**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre:** The next Bingo afternoon will be on **16<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm** for a Christmas Party – **ALL WELCOME**

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February after Mass – All Welcome

**GRAND CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart Church:** The numbers and prizes are at the back of church. Please collect your prizes.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY at SS Peter & Paul Church:** A Children's Liturgy group is starting at SS Peter & Paul church on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January during 11.30am Mass (next Sunday)** This group will continue on each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025  
Please see the poster in the church porch.

**REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY – see details above**

**COFFEE MORNING AT SS Peter & Paul:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February after Mass – All Welcome  
**TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS at Sacred Heart:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January after 10am Mass (Second Sunday of the month)  
**BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall:** Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm – **ALL WELCOME**  
**GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW at Sacred Heart Church:** The draw has been held – Check your tickets today at the back of church.  
**PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Hying Hall:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 anyone is interested in being a governor for English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Preston then contact the headteacher, Mrs Howarth on 01772556092.

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.