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MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sunday 23rd November	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Happy Birthday to Philomina Orji			
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST			Brian Monks RIP			
KING OF THE UNIVERSE	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish			
	Sacred Heart	1.00 p.m.	Baptism: Adriel Aigbekaen			
Monday 24th November						
Sts Andrew Dung-Lac &	Sacred Heart	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Cecila Woods			
Companions						
Tuesday 25th November						
St Catherine of Alexandria	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Happy Birthday Mrs Philomina Orji			
Wednesday 26th November						
	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	The special intentions of P & M McGunnigal			
Thursday 27th November						
	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Vera Ohabor (Birthday blessings)			
Friday 28th November	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP			
	Sacred Heart	10.15 a.m.	Funeral Service for Margaret Deborah Murphy			
Saturday 29th November	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's			
The Blessed Virgin Mary			Intention: Those on our November List RIP)			
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP			
Sunday 30th November	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Veronica Nwachuwu RIP			
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT			The special intentions of P & M McGunnigal			
			Brian Monks RIP			
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th November – Parish Christmas Meal in Sacred Heart Hall
Sunday 7th December – Christmas Coffee morning & Bumper tombola at SS Peter & Paul Church – after 11.30am Mass
Thursday 4th December – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
Thursday 4th December – Bingo in the Sacred Heart Hall at 2pm

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Monica Jones, Hannah Whelan & Sons, Brian & Angela Haddlesey, Pam Murphy, Fr Bob Horn RIP & Nancy Hinds 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, Margaret Rafferty, Peter McGunnigal, Glenn Johnson and Trish McKeever (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.

If you wish to pay by BACS for donations, Mass offerings, hall bookings etc, our bank details are:

A/C - LRCDTR. 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.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW 16/11/25 Wk 32 No 54 F Spaulding £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE				
Sacred Heart	£202.42	123		
SS Peter & Paul	£106.50	34		

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WE WELCOME ADRIEL AIGBEKAEN INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN HE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER ADRIEL AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS

<u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026:</u> The next session of this year's Frist Holy Communion Programme is on <u>Thursday 4th December</u> in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please. No more children can be accepted on this year's programme.

<u>CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK</u>: Your generosity continues month after month. The last batch of Cupboard Love Donation envelopes revealed £235.10 in support of our local foodbank. As these donations are not ringfenced by grant restrictions, those who manage the foodbank can use them in ways that address perceived needs within our area. Both of our primary schools benefit significantly from this freedom, ensuring that our needy families receive support in a manner upholding and respecting their dignity. Thank-you for your continued kindness. Many blessings for sharing what you have with those who struggle to feed their families.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next Bingo session will be on Thursday 4th December at 2pm. N.B. Bingo on 18th December is, sadly, the last Bingo session to be held in Sacred Heart Hall. Our grateful thanks to Geraldine for all the work she has done over the last 3 years. These Bingo sessions will be sadly missed.

<u>CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church:</u> This exciting yearly event will be held on **Sunday 7th December** after 11.30a.m. Mass in the church hall. **ALL WELCOME** Donations of bottles, biscuits, chocolates & toiletries would be appreciated. Thank you – Monica

PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL in Sacred Heart Hall: NO PLACES LEFT – Sorry if you've been disappointed. Thanks to everyone who is coming - we are sure you will enjoy your evening. N.B. THERE IS NO ALCOHOL SUPPLIED SO PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE at Sacred Heart Church: We will be holding our usual Christmas raffle at Sacred Heart Church. It will be drawn the weekend before Christmas, so please purchase buy your tickets. The tickets are on sale after Mass on Sundays at the back of church. We ask you all for donations of Christmassy items to make up the hampers e.g. wine, sweets, chocolate etc please. There will be a basket at the back of church for your donations. With your generosity this is always a great fund raiser for our Parish. Thank you. NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: The envelopes for your Mass Intentions for deceased family and friends are at the back of church. Please enclose your Mass Intention and donation and either place into the offertory collection or give to a member of the clergy. MISSIO RED BOXES: The money raised in the Missio Red Boxes amounted to £437.37. A cheque has been sent to Missio on your behalf from the Parish. Thank you to all Red Box holders for your generosity.

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services – TODAY Sunday 23rd November
Diocesan Poor Missions – 30th November

GENERAL NEWS

<u>O COME LET US ADORE HIM!</u> St Mary's Church, Lea Town, will be open from 10am – 4pm Monday – Friday for silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. See the poster and leaflets at the back of church.

<u>SVP:</u> If you would like a visit from any of our members or are lonely or housebound, please contact **Bernard Unsworth, 01772 875151**<u>PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE COURSE:</u> There is a course starting on 12th January 2026 at St Clare's Church in Fulwood. This is for couples planning to marry during the next year. Please see the poster and details in the porch. Please be aware this course only runs once a year.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST? Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment & lunch. To book email Heather: Heather. Watts@Ircd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. THE PRESTON RETREAT: Young adults (aged 16-35 or Year 10+) are invited to a one-day retreat at Corpus Christi High School on Saturday 13th December from 9am - 9pm. This jam-packed, one-day retreat offers the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. To register, please visit: https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/s8vr6vf2Hi

<u>RWANDA TABLE TOP SALE:</u> This sale will take place in St Anthony's Hall next **Saturday 29**th **November 10am – 1pm** – see poster at the back of church. Also please see a copy of their newsletter at the back of church