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22/3/26 Wk. 51 No. 67 A Parry £500
Congratulations Alan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£254.80	144
SS Peter & Paul	£119.10	43



**29th MARCH 2026
PALM SUNDAY**



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Sheila Rowley RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Ibison family
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 30th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	November list
	St Bernard's School	11.00 a.m.	End of term – All welcome
Tuesday 31st March			
	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Arul & Family RIP & Pover & Family RIP
Wednesday 1st April			
	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Beetham & Swindlehurst families
Thursday 2nd April HOLY THURSDAY	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 3rd April GOOD FRIDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Office Readings and Morning Prayer
		12.00 noon	Walk of Witness – beginning at St Michaels church
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 4th April HOLY SATURDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Office Readings and Morning Prayers
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass James Southworth RIP
Sunday 5th April EASTER SUNDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	John Flanagan RIP (Anniversary) & Peter McGunnigal RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday – Walk of Witness, beginning at St Maichaels church at
Thursday 16th April – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
Sunday 19th April - Parish meal for our older members and housebound
7th June – Corpus Christi Procession at St Walburge Church @ 2pm – further details to follow

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Goss and Gordon 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: George Woods,
Margaret Rafferty, 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.

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.

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 & EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This is the last Sunday for Stations of the Cross – this week in SS Peter & Paul Church
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is on **Thursday 16th April 2026** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: At times of festivity such as Easter, parents in needy families often go without to ensure their children can have some treats. Your endless generosity via the Foodbank envelopes will enable some of our struggling neighbours to put food on the table as well as giving their children some Easter gifts. Blessings on you for your kindness. Envelopes are available at the back of church for your donations.

COFFEE MORNING & AUCTION at SS Peter & Paul church: The next coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul church will be on Sunday 12th April after 11.30am Mass. All are welcome.

EASTER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart church: Many thanks for your generosity with gifts for the raffle. The draw took place yesterday and the list of winners and their prizes are at the back of church. The amazing total of £223 has been raised for Parish funds. Thank you all for your generosity in bringing donations and buying tickets.

SPONSORED EASTER FLOWERS at Sacred Heart Church - Once again we will be having sponsored flowers for Easter. Choose a spot, fill in the form and put your money in an envelope with your name and the letter of your arrangement on the outside. Envelopes and instructions are at the back of church.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: A walk of witness is planned by the Ashton Covenant Churches on Good Friday at 12.00 noon starting at St Michaels. A walk around the local streets with pauses to reflect along the way with a series of readings and hymns outside the Covenanted Churches. There will be refreshments and Hot Cross Buns serviced at St Michaels afterwards at around 1pm. Please see the poster in the porch. All are welcome to join the procession.

EASTER TRIDUUM: Volunteers are still required for the readings, Washing of the Feet and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Please add your name to the list at the back of church.

GIFT AID

As this financial year ends, we would be grateful if you could please consider Gift Aiding your weekly/monthly offerings. If you are a UK Tax payer, the Parish can gain 25p in the £1 for every pound you donate, **without it costing you a penny.** Last year the Parish gained £6,686.51 and this figure is so important to the running of the Parish. There are some Gift Aid forms at the back of church which you can complete if you are a UK taxpayer. You will be provided with a set of weekly envelopes for your donations, or you can pay by BACS through the bank. These offerings can then be tied up with your completed declaration. Please complete and return a form to a member of the clergy. Many thanks
Next year's envelopes for our current gift aid parishioners will be available next week.

AN APPRECIATION SUNDAY LUNCH FOR ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

By way of his appreciation, Father Sam invites all the older and housebound members of our Parish to join him for Sunday lunch on 19th April 2026 at 2pm in the Sacred Heart Centre. If you would like to accept his invitation, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. If you know of any housebound members of our Parish who would be able to join him, please give their name and contact details to Janice or a member of the clergy. Transport can be arranged.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, cause of our Joy." During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic miracles. The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or email charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

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**
O COME LET US ADORE HIM! 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.
DIocese OF LANCASTER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 23RD – 30TH July 2026. Please see the poster at the back of church. Fr Sam has application forms in the Presbytery.