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7TH DECEMBER 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 7th December</u> SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Those suffering serious health issues Brian Monks RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Clifford May RIP
	Sacred Heart	1.00 p.m.	Baptism: Daisy Jasmine & Cooper William Tyler
<u>Monday 8th December</u> THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Margaret Riley RIP
<u>Tuesday 9th December</u> St John Diego Cuauhtlatatzin	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Rita Wood RIP (Lately Dead)
<u>Wednesday 10th December</u> Our Lady of Loreto	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Rita Wood RIP (Lately Dead)
<u>Thursday 11th December</u> St Damasus I	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
<u>Friday 12th December</u> Our Lady of Guadalupe	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP
<u>Saturday 13th December</u> St Lucy	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Peace in our hearts, in our home's and in our world.) People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 14th December</u> THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Remembering Brian Monks RIP on our Wedding Anniversary
GAUDETE SUNDAY	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Bridget Montgomery RIP (Lately Dead)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY Sunday 7th December – Christmas Coffee morning & Bumper tombola at SS Peter & Paul Church – after 11.30am Mass
Thursday 18th December – Bingo in the Sacred Heart Hall at 2pm
Thursday 15TH January – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGuill, James Montgomery, Peter Molloy and Fr Tom Leigh

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, 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 – 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.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW
30/11/25 Wk 35 No 170 Marie Howard

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£270.09	123
SS Peter & Paul	£120.50	47

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DAISY JASMINE & COOPER WILLIAM TYLER BECOME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN THEY ARE BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM AND THEIR FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER SHEILA PULLMAN WHO DIED ON 2ND DECEMBER IN ROYAL PRESTON INFIRMARY. SHEILA'S FUNERAL MASS IS ON MONDAY DECEMBER 29TH IN SACRED HEART CHURCH COMMENCING AT 10:30 AM. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER RITA WOOD AND BRIDGET MONTGOMERY WHO DIED THIS WEEK. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RITA AND BRIDGET'S FUNERALS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALISED. PLEASE REMEMBER THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is this **Thursday 15TH January 2026** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: Our continued thanks for your generous donations which enable the Cupboard Love Foodbank to continue its crucial work. Before Christmas, a drop of 80 food parcels to Sacred Heart primary school will ensure some comfort at this, one of the most financially challenging times of year, particularly for families with children. We would warmly and urgently encourage any of you who are finding it hard to put sufficient food on your table or purchase necessary toiletries for your home, to go through the doors of the Foodbank and gather some goods to help ease your situation. You will be met with smiles, a warm welcome and support. Please see the poster in the church porch giving dates of the Foodbank opening. The last date before Christmas is Saturday, 20th December.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next Bingo session will be this **Thursday 18th 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.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church: This exciting yearly event will be held this **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

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.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – 24TH DECEMBER 2025:

Parents, please stay after next week's (Children's Liturgy) Mass to discuss the Nativity on Christmas Eve. If you wish to discuss anything with Favour or Donna they will speak to you after Sunday Mass. WE NEED MORE CHILDREN TO TAKE PART SO PLEASE SPEAK TO FAVOUR OR DONNA.

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month.
N.B. THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN SACRED HEART CHURCH ON 28TH DECEMBER

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.

PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE COURSE: 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.

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>