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## 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the McKeever & Wickwar families
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	Ronnie Driver – 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Nativity of the Blessed</b> <b>Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St Peter Claver</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	6.30 p.m.	Kathleen Harkness RIP
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Thomas Gielty RIP
	<b>St Bernard's</b>	11.00 a.m.	All children for the new school year
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.00 a.m.	Brian Morris RIP
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Mr & Mrs Ominyi
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St John Chrisostom</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: <i>That the Human Rights of Asylum Seekers and</i> <i>Refugees will be respected.</i> )
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.00 a.m.	Sheila O'Leary RIP
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>THE EXALTATION OF</b> <b>THE HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Teresa Helm Whittle RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Kathleen Harkness RIP (Lately dead)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

### 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, Fred 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, Margaret Rafferty, Peter McGunnigal, Glenn Johnson and Anna Kasan  
(Names of Sick & Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

14<sup>th</sup> September – Catholic Education Services  
21<sup>st</sup> September – Home Mission Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

**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**  
31/8/25 Wk 22 No 80 A Williams £100

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>£311.32</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>£128.00</b>	<b>33</b>

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026:** All Baptised children who are in year 4 next year are invited to apply to join the next sacramental programme for First Holy Communion. Please take a copy of the information at the back of church. There is a registration meeting planned for all our prospective First Communicants **TODAY Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am** in the Sacred Heart Centre.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK:** Our local food bank is still in need of your donations. If you are able to help, please take an envelope from the back of church and put whatever you can into the Offertory Collection on a Sunday. Thank you all for your continued generosity. This is so desperately needed by many.

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre:** The next Bingo session will be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**. N.B. Bingo will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month.

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church:** SS Peter & Paul's next coffee morning will be held **TODAY Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September after 11.30am Mass, together with a 2<sup>nd</sup> auction**. The 1<sup>st</sup> auction was a great success so please join us again for this one. All are welcome.

**HARVEST MASS at Sacred Heart Church:** There will be a Harvest Mass to be held in Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**. We would be grateful for any donations on non-perishable food, toiletries etc which will be donated to those in need. Please bring your donations to Mass on that morning and leave them in baskets provided at the back of church. Many thanks.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held THIS **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** in the Presbytery.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – First Holy Communion registration – Sacred Heart Centre 11.30am  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Coffee Morning & Auction - SS Peter & Paul Hall after 11.30am Mass  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Council Meeting – Presbytery at 7pm

### CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

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

**Please note - Children's Liturgy group in BOTH OF OUR CHURCHES begins again on 14<sup>th</sup> September**

### 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**

### CASTLERIGG NEWS:

**TEAM 2025-26 // WE'RE STILL RECRUITING** Do you know anyone who is aged 18-25, at a loose end for the coming year, and looking for an amazing year of personal growth, friendship, faith, and fun in the Lake District? If you do, do us a favour and tell them to get in touch with us ([jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)). Our Youth Ministry Internship programme (formerly called 'doing a gap year') offers high quality training, lots of varies experience, community life, faith formation and the chance to be (we reckon...) one of the best youth ministry teams out there.  
**CASTLERIGG OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER** : Castlerigg Manor (the Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre in Keswick) is opening its doors next weekend. A great chance to see the place, meet the team, and find out a little bit about the important work that they do. Doors open Sunday at Midday and there is Mass with Bishop Paul at 2pm. Afternoon tea will be served!

**CAFOD: Response in Gaza:** Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the