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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

200 CLUB DRAW
15/3/26 Wk. 50 No. 200 J McKeever £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£202.79	145
SS Peter & Paul	£142.00	33

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross held each week alternately in our Churches.
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: The contents of the last few batches of Cupboard Love envelopes have amounted to £156.80. This is an amazing and uplifting sum and enables so much good to be done through the Foodbank. Thank you all for your generosity. 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 will take place next Saturday and a list of prize-winners & prizes will be available next Sunday. Good luck everyone. It's your last chance today to buy tickets at the end of Mass.
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.
THANK YOU FROM CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

**22nd MARCH 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Sister Clare & St Carlo Acutis please pray for Sheila Rowley RIP & Peter McGunnal RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Jim Southworth ... 91 st Birthday thanksgiving
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 23rd March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Sheila Allsop RIP (LD)
Tuesday 24th March	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Peter McGunnigal RIP
Wednesday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Mark Walmsley RIP & Christopher Finn RIP
Thursday 26th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Marie Windle RIP
Friday 27th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Eileen Goss RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 28th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: The Work of CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and MISSIO)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
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

AS NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY, WE WILL MEET OUTSIDE THE HALL AND PROCESS INTO CHURCH WITH A CELEBRATORY HYMN. PLEASE MEET IN THE CAR PARK BEFORE MASS TO JOIN THE PROCESSION.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Loving God, Be close to all who live with dementia and those who care for them. When memories fade, hold them fast in Your faithful love. May Your peace dwell where words are few, and Your presence be deeply felt. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM: Services will be held at Sacred Heart Church this year. Volunteers are required for the readings, Washing of the Feet and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Please see any member of the clergy.

MASS & SERVICE TIMES – ALL AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper – 6.30pm
Good Friday – Morning Prayer & Office readings – 10am
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3pm
Holy Saturday – Morning Prayer & Office readings – 10am
 Easter Vigil Mass – 8pm

AN APPRECIATION SUNDAY LUNCH FOR ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND PARISIONERS

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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Sacred Heart Children's Liturgy will be holding a coffee morning after Mass TODAY 22nd March after Mass

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.