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9TH NOVEMBER 2025 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BISILICA

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 9th November</u> DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BISILICA (Remembrance Sunday)	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Happy Wedding Anniversary to Favour & Romanus Okeke
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	James Southworth RIP (Anniversary) Mary Pritchard RIP (Lately Dead)
<u>Monday 10th November</u> St Leo the Great	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Lucas Backhouse RIP (Anniversary)
<u>Tuesday 11th November</u> St Martin of Tours	Sacred Heart	10.45 a.m.	Funeral Service for Sheila Casey
	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Barbara Worrall RIP (Anniversary)
<u>Wednesday 12th November</u> St Josaphat	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	A dear husband – Brian Monks RIP (Lately dead)
<u>Thursday 13th November</u>	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Nancy Hinds RIP (Anniversary)
<u>Friday 14th November</u>	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	James Southworth RIP (Anniversary)
<u>Saturday 15th November</u> St Albert the Great	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Those on our November List RIP)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Whelan family RIP
<u>Sunday 16th November</u> THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Mrs Veronica Nwachukwu (RIP) Nancy Hinds RIP (Anniversary) A dear husband – Brian Monks RIP (Lately Dead)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Prim Peter 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

Thursday 20th November – Bingo in the Sacred Heart Hall at 2pm
Thursday 20th November – Parish Council Meeting – 7pm in the Presbytery
Friday 28th November – Parish Christmas Meal in Sacred Heart Hall – Menus (3 course meal) - £22ph
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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Monica Jones, Hannah Whelan & Sons, Brian & Angela Haddelsey, 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 and Glenn Johnson
(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
2/11/25 Wk 31 No 52 F Seed £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£246.68	121
SS Peter & Paul	£173.00	43

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is on **Thursday 4th December** 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.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: 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 20th November** at 2pm. N.B. Bingo continues on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each Month.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church: 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

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church: Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning last Sunday. £63.30 was raised. Claire thanks you for supporting her **Trash to Treasure stall** where she raised £60 and also the sale of apples raised £40.

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 plenty of time to 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.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

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

GENERAL NEWS

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.0p

SVP: If you would like a visit from any of our members or are lonely or housebound, please contact **Bernard Unsworth, 01772 875151**

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.

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@lrcd.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> Fr Sam, I hope you're doing well! Please could you include the following invitation in your parish newsletter for the Youth 2000 Preston retreat, until 7th December? Thanks!

PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE: Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia on Monday 17th November. See attached poster. These days seem quite dark, what with Parliament voting to partly decriminalise abortion and voting to legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to join us in praying and fasting for life, you can do so with this link, <https://www.facebook.com/events/828656872884422> See the poster at the back of church.