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23rd AUGUST 2026

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to God from the Okeke family Helen & Michael O'Keefe RIP (Anniversary) Nora Aherne RIP (Anniversary) Mrs Ezinne Ogike (Birthday) Chiziterem Ochieze (1 st Birthday)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 24th August St Bartholomew	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Chiziterem Ochieze (1st Birthday)
Tuesday 25th August St Joseph of Calasanz	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Rosalie Croft RIP (Lately Dead)
Wednesday 26th August Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Mrs Ezinne Ogike (Birthday)
Thursday 27th August St Monica	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Mary Lynch (Recovery)
Friday 28th August St Augustine	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP
Saturday 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Vocations to the Priesthood)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving to God from the Okeke family Thomas & Teresa Hardicker RIP (Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Alice Hamilton RIP

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Catholic Trust for England and Wales – 30th August 2026

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Agnes McGuill, Nora Aherne and James Slater

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND George Woods, Margaret Rafferty, Glenn Johnson & Trish McKeever (Names of sick & housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to a member of 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.

200 CLUB DRAW
16/8/26 Wk. 20 No 163 J Swarbrick £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£223.46	109
SS Peter & Paul	£125.92	37

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: The work of our Cupboard Love Foodbank continues due to your ongoing kindness and contributions. In addition to helping families at our two primary schools, they are enabled to reach out to the struggling families at St Ignatius' primary school, a school which has no parish to support it directly. Many families will be a little more stress free as food is added to their table in times of continued need. Thank you for your prayers and your continued generosity to this good cause. 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat'.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul church: The next coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul church is on **Sunday 6th September** after Mass. All welcome.

SACRED HEART CHOIR

The choir ask if you would consider joining them in song during Mass on a Sunday Morning.
If you are interested in joining the choir, please come and sit with them on a Sunday to see how you get on
They hold a rehearsal fortnightly on a Monday evening to choose and run through the hymns for the following 2
Sundays – there is no commitment to attend these rehearsals though.
Please consider joining choir as the numbers now are quite small and they need your voice.
Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Morning At SS Peter & Paul Church – Sunday 6th September after Mass
Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 10th September at 7pm in the Presbytery
Friday 27th November – Parish Christmas Party – details to follow

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month.
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS DURING AUGUST – BACK ON 13TH SEPT.

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.

JOIN BISHOP SWARBRICK ON THE LONDON MARCH FOR LIFE ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2026. SPUC Preston Branch want to arrange a coach with pick up in Preston. Please register your interest by contacting the Secretary at spucpreston@gmail.com or on 07523 183758

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYWELL: Saturday 26th September. Everyone is invited to attend. Mass will begin at St Mary's Fernyhough at 11am followed by a Blessed Sacrament procession down the lanes to Ladywell for Benediction.
The Bishop invites all Altar Servers, young and not so young, to bring their cassocks and walk together in the procession, along with the public. Following the procession there will be a BBQ for all servers in the grounds, prepared by Our Lady and St Edward's Catholic Scouts. Altar Servers should meet at St Mary's at 10.30am. Altar Servers, please let Fr Sam know if you can attend so he can give in numbers for the BBQ.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email alletizia@cafod.org.uk

ST MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS WITH ST MARK CENTENARY: This September marks the Centenary of St Michaels & All Angels with St Mark Parish. The Parishioners would like to invite all our congregation to be part of the celebrations, especially the one on Sunday afternoon, we think this would be a lovely opportunity to come together, worship, share a meal, and be thankful, just as our saviour would have done. Please see the poster in the church porch.