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**20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

### MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>                     | <b>Sacred Heart</b><br><b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b><br><b>Sacred Heart</b> | <b>10.00 a.m.</b><br><b>11.30 a.m.</b><br><b>1.00 p.m.</b> | James Southworth RIP & Joe Howard RIP<br>Joan Campbell RIP<br><b>Baptism:</b> Ugonnaya Elena Ekeh                             |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER MONDAY</b>                     | <b>Sacred Heart</b>  | <b>9.30 a.m.</b>   | Joe Howard RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER TUESDAY</b>                   | <b>Sacred Heart</b>  | <b>6.30 p.m.</b>   | Steve Cawley RIP (Lately Dead)  |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER WEDNESDAY</b>               | <b>Sacred Heart</b>  | <b>9.30 a.m.</b>   | Philim Henry RIP  |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER THURSDAY</b>                 | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>   | <b>10.00 a.m.</b>  | Emma Bolton RIP   |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER FRIDAY</b>                     | <b>Sacred Heart</b>  | <b>9.30 a.m.</b>   | James Southworth RIP  |
| <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>                 | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b><br><b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>                 | <b>10.30 a.m.</b><br><b>11.00 a.m.</b>                     | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's<br>Intention: For Our Holy Father Pope Francis)<br>Vera Towers RIP |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF</b><br><b>EASTER</b> | <b>Sacred Heart</b><br><b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>                        | <b>10.00 a.m.</b><br><b>11.30 a.m.</b>                     | Deacon Michael Dolan RIP (Lately Dead)<br>Les Perry Junior  |

### 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.

**May the Risen Christ bring you peace and joy. Easter Blessings on all our Parishioners.**

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Christine Kirkman, Joe Howard, Jean Hindle  
May her soul 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  
(Names of Sick & Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

### REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

**TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS at Sacred Heart: to be advised**  
**BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall: Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm – ALL WELCOME**  
**COFFEE MORNING AT SS Peter & Paul: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May after 11.30am Mass – ALL WELCOME**

**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**  
**13/4/25 Wk 2 No. 183 M Hodgson £20**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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| <b>Sacred Heart</b>        | <b>£307.06</b> | <b>152</b> |
| <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> | <b>129.01</b>  | <b>38</b>  |

**FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next Thursday Session of the First Holy Communion Programme will be held in Sacred Heart Church THIS Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK:** During this Lenten season, your prayers, fasting and generosity are spreading the gift of nourishment and kindness to the children in families amongst us.... families for whom the meeting of financial demands is a day-to-day struggle. Please look at the posters in the church porch detailing the recent work of Cupboard Love. Notice how happy and proud the children look as they partake in spreading kindness in tangible reality. Within the last two weeks we have made two large deliveries of food to St Ignatius School, who have a high number of children from the families of asylum seekers and refugees. A number of these families struggle to access benefits due to their status and consequently need assistance. The school are most grateful for our help and would want this to be passed on to our parishioners. In addition, we also support people at the 'Talk English' group at St Cuthbert's Hall where a hot meal is provided, and additional food items are available for families to take home. Thank you all for your generosity.

## PARISH EVENTS

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre:** The next Bingo afternoon will be THIS Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm ALL WELCOME N.B. Bingo will now continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month.

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church:** The next coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul's church is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May after Mass – **ALL WELCOME**

**SACRED HEART EASTER RAFFLE:** The Raffle was drawn this week, and the list of prizes is at the back of church. Thank you all so much for your generous donations for the prizes.

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** Please bring in your Red Boxes anytime from now to the end of April for counting. Many thanks. Janice



### GIFT AID RECLAIM

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify Janice if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2024/25 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year, please ensure that you have notified your parish. Many thanks

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** The next stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill will be held in Parliament on 16th May. This Bill can still be defeated, but we need everyone to lobby their MPs! For more information and help to contact your MP, please visit: [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk)

**SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 26th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm.** Please join us for a silent act of witness against assisted Suicide/Euthanasia. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel: 01772 723094.

### 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**  
**CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK:** You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>