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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£300.28	139
SS Peter & Paul	£80.00	31

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 12th March 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 coffee mornings at SS Peter & Paul church last Sunday was a great success. Claire sends a big thank you to all who donated and helped towards the coffee morning and auction. The sum of £218 was raised which was shared between Fr Sam's expenses and SVP. Thank you to all who joined in.
EASTER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart church: We would be very grateful for any donations you can give towards making this raffle a success. There are just 2 weeks now to donate so please give whatever you can to make the raffle a success. There will be a basket at the back of church from next week for your donations. Many thanks for your generosity. Tickets will also be on sale today after 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.

**15th MARCH 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Members of the McKeever & Wickwar families. Peter McGunnigal RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Michael Vincent RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 16th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Howard & Maskell families
	Sacred Heart	12.15 p.m.	Funeral Service for Freda Nuttall
Tuesday 17th March ST PATRICK	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Henry & Munnely families
Wednesday 18th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP
Thursday 19th March ST JOSEPH	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Friday 20th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	November list
Saturday 21st 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.	Michael Vincent RIP
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
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

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

19th March – Day of Recollection at Hying Monastery
Thursday 16th April – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
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. Times will be advised in the next bulletin. 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 of the Last Supper – 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.
THIS SUNDAY Also Children's Liturgy in Sacred Heart on 15th March – Mothers Day
Sacred Heart Children's Liturgy will be holding a coffee morning after Mass on 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.