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## 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Veronica Nwachuwu RIP The special intentions of P & M McGunnigal Brian Monks RIP Birthday Thanksgiving – Ify Ogike Deceased members of the SVP Society
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Baptism:</b> Harvey Adam Ross
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>1.00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Birthday Thanksgiving – Ify Ogike
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Mrs Veronica Nwachukwu RIP
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <b>St Francis Xavier</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Michael Lee RIP
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St John Damascene</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Brian Morris RIP
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Elizabeth & Ellen Fisher RIP (Anniversary)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Peace in our hearts, in our home's and in our world.)
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Those suffering serious health issues Brian Monks RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Clifford May RIP

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SECOND

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Coffee morning & Bumper tombola at SS Peter & Paul Church – after 11.30am Mass  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Bingo in the Sacred Heart Hall at 2pm

#### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGuill, James Montgomery, Peter Molloy and Fr Tom Leigh**

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, 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.

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**  
23/11/25 Wk 34 No 38 R Wood £20

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>£212.43</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>£119.50</b>	<b>35</b>

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**HARVEY ADAM ROSS BECOMES A PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN HE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HARVEY AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026:** The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is this **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 this **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm. N.B. Bingo on 18<sup>th</sup> December is, sadly, the last Bingo session to be held in Sacred Heart Hall. Our grateful thanks to Geraldine for all the work she has done over the last 3 years. These Bingo sessions will be sadly missed.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & BUMPER TOMBOLA at SS Peter & Paul Church:** This exciting yearly event will be held **NEXT Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** after 11.30a.m. Mass in the church hall. **ALL WELCOME** Donations of bottles, biscuits, chocolates & toiletries would be appreciated. Thank you – Monica

**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 please purchase 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.

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** The money raised in the Missio Red Boxes amounted to **£437.37**. A cheque has been sent to Missio on your behalf from the Parish. Thank you to all Red Box holders for your generosity.

**NEW TABLES in SS Peter & Paul church hall:** There are new tables in SS Peter & Paul church hall which are a lot lighter and easier to move than the old ones.

**QUIZ NIGHT at Sacred Heart:** The Quiz night at Sacred Heart raised £89.00 for the Parish. Thankyou to all who supported this event.

#### CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

#### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Poor Missions – TODAY 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### 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.

**PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE COURSE:** There is a course starting on **12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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>