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**12th APRIL 2026
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**



200 CLUB DRAW
5/4/26 Wk. 1 No. 123 C Macken £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£476.57	173
SS Peter & Paul	£234.90	61

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is on **Thursday 16th April 2026** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: At times of festivity such as Easter, parents in needy families often go without to ensure their children can have some treats. Your endless generosity via the Foodbank envelopes will enable some of our struggling neighbours to put food on the table as well as giving their children some Easter gifts. Blessings on you for your kindness. Envelopes are available at the back of church for your donations.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul church: The next coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul church will be THIS Sunday 12th April after 11.30am Mass. All are welcome.

EASTER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart church: The list of prize-winners and the prizes from the raffle are at the back of church.

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Peter McGunnigal RIP Deceased members of the Blackburn family Monica Slater (Birthday)
Monday 13th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Joe Howard RIP
Tuesday 14th April	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Elcox, Cross, Sutcliffe & Worrell families
Wednesday 15th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP & All deceased relatives & friends of Ethel Monks
Thursday 16th April St Bernadette Soubirous	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	George & Winifred Sargent RIP (Claire Southworth's mum & dad)
Friday 17th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Angeline & Keith Pover – Wedding Anniversary,
Saturday 18th April	SS Peter & Paul SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: For Peace in our World) Deceased members of the Sargent family
Sunday 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Peter McGunnigal RIP – In thanksgiving for prayers received & answered. Teresa O'Keefe 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

TODAY Sunday 12th April – Appeal by Society of African Missions
Thursday 16th April – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
Sunday 19th April - Parish meal for our older members and housebound
7th June – Corpus Christi Procession at St Walburge Church @ 2pm – further details to follow

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Howard, Christine Kirkman & June Rimmer

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.

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.

GIFT AID

As this financial year ends, we would be grateful if you could please consider Gift Aiding your weekly/monthly offerings. If you are a UK Tax payer, the Parish can gain 25p in the £1 for every pound you donate, **without it costing you a penny.** Last year the Parish gained £6,686.51 and this figure is so important to the running of the Parish. There are some Gift Aid forms at the back of church which you can complete if you are a UK taxpayer. You will be provided with a set of weekly envelopes for your donations, or you can pay by BACS through the bank. These offerings can then be tied up with your completed declaration. Please complete and return a form to a member of the clergy. Many thanks
Next year's envelopes for our current gift aid parishioners will be available next week.

AN APPRECIATION SUNDAY LUNCH FOR ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, cause of our Joy." During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic miracles. The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or email charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk The places will be limited, so please book in good time. Please see the poster at the back of church.

SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 25th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm - Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge, parking available by the river. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info contact: m. 07523 183758 or email spucpreston@gmail.com.

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.

CASTLERIGG: CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711. **YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY** Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work