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21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 21st September</u> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Fredrick Goss RIP (Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Paul & Barbara Ibison – 60 th Wedding Anniversary
<u>Monday 22ND September</u>	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	NO MASS
<u>Tuesday 23rd September</u> St Pius of Pietrelcina	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Teresa Helm Whittle RIP
<u>Wednesday 24th Sept</u> Our Lady of Walsingham	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	NO MASS
<u>Thursday 25th September</u>	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	NO MASS
<u>Friday 26th September</u> Sts Cosmas & Damian	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	NO MASS
<u>Saturday 27th September</u> St Vincent de Paul	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: <i>That the Human Rights of Asylum Seekers and Refugees will be respected.</i>)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Thanking God & praying for His continued mercies for life, good health and progress
<u>Sunday 28th September</u> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Chris & Martin Turner RIP (Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Thanking God & praying for His continued mercies for life, good health and progress

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.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Barwise, Fredrick Goss, Martin McGuill & Mary 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:

Sheila Pullman, George Woods, Margaret Rafferty, Peter McGunnigal, Glenn Johnson and Anna Kasan
(Names of Sick & Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

21st September – Home Mission Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
28th September – Bishop's Administration Fund
5th October – Family Fast Day collection – envelopes at the back of church

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
14/9/25 Wk 24 No 62 B Unsworth £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£301.19	138
SS Peter & Paul	£116.58	39

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

JESSICA BABLIUC BECAME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY YESTERDAY WHEN SHE WAS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER JESSICA AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The first session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is this **Thursday 25th Sept** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please.

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 on **Thursday 2nd October** at 2pm. N.B. Bingo will continue on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each Month.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church: SS Peter & Paul's next coffee morning will be held **Sunday 5th October** after 11.30am Mass & also a 'Pay-what-you-want stall'. All are welcome.

HARVEST MASS at Sacred Heart Church: There will be a Harvest Mass to be held in Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday 28th September** at 10am. We would be grateful for any donations on non-perishable food, toiletries etc which will be donated to those in need. Please bring your donations to Mass on that morning and leave them in baskets provided at the back of church. Many thanks.

FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 3rd October: There are envelopes at the back of church for your much needed donations. Thank you.

BOOK SALE @ SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH: Thank

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 25th September – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
Thursday 2nd October – Bingo in Sacred Heart Hall – 2pm
Sunday 5th October – Coffee Morning - SS Peter & Paul Hall after 11.30am Mass

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

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

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**

CASTLERIGG NEWS:

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

CAFOD: Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

PRO-LIFE PETITION: Please consider signing this petition against assisted dying and abortion.
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/738764>