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**6TH APRIL 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Birthday) John Flanagan RIP (Anniversary)ko Ken Slater RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Ken Slater RIP
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Monday 7th April St John Baptist de la Salle	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Repose of the souls of Mary & William Hardacre
Tuesday 8th April	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Wednesday 9th April <i>Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick</i>	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Repose of the souls of Joanne & Michael McClusky
Thursday 10th April	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Barbara Ashcroft RIP (Lately Dead)
Friday 11th April St Stanislaus	Sacred Heart	9.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Keeffe, Haigh & McKeon families
Saturday 12th April	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: For Our Holy Father Pope Francis)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Repose of the souls of Isabella and Walter Unsworth
Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Ken Slater RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

ASHTON COVENANTED CHURCHES' WALK OF WITNESS: Good Friday - We gather at Ashton Methodist Church for 11:15. After processing along some of the local roads we finish our walk at St. Michael's where we will be greeted with hot cross buns. Everybody is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Christine Kirkman
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 17th April at 2pm – ALL WELCOME
COFFEE MORNING AT SS Peter & Paul: today Sunday 6th April 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 – 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
30/3/25 Wk 52 No. 195 D Rowley £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£231.43	109
SS Peter & Paul	£138.00	41

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place alternately in our churches at 3pm each Sunday during Lent
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 24th 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 on Thursday 17th April at 2pm ALL WELCOME
N.B. Bingo will now continue on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each Month.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church: The next coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul's church is today Sunday 6th April after Mass – ALL WELCOME

SACRED HEART EASTER RAFFLE: Our usual Easter raffle will take place again this year. Tickets are on sale after Mass this and every Sunday during Lent. We would be very grateful if you could bring any donations for the raffle and put them in the basket at the back of church. Many thanks

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

SPONSORED FLOWERS FOR EASTER at Sacred Heart Church: As usual we will be having sponsored flowers for Easter. The plan, list and envelopes for payment are on the table at the back of Church. Your donations at Christmas and Easter pay for flowers throughout the year.

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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The following volunteers are required for the Easter Services and Masses during the Easter Triduum: -

Holy Thursday: 18:30 pm at SS Peter & Paul Church - Mass of the Last Supper

1 Reader & 12 People required for the Washing of feet.

Good Friday: 11am at Sacred Heart Church – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3 Readers

Good Friday: 3pm at SS Peter & Paul Church – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1 Reader

Holy Saturday: 11am at Sacred Heart Church – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3 Readers

Holy Saturday: 8pm at SS Peter & Paul Church - Easter Vigil Mass

4 Readers

The readings for these days will be published prior to the Easter Triduum on a poster in the church porch.

Please advise Fr. Sam, Rev Chris or Rev Jim if wish to volunteer.

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/>