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**200 CLUB DRAW**  
10/5/26 Wk. 6 No. 74 Marie Howard £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£283.97	136
SS Peter & Paul	£116.00	40

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**ISAAC, ISABELLA, LENNY & MAEVE LATHAM BECAME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY WHEN THEY ARE BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM AND THEIR FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026:** The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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's church will be on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** after Mass. There will also be a Trash to Treasure stall – Pay what you want. - All welcome

*Fr Sam asks that you all consider how you speak to each other in front of your children. Children are being traumatised by listening to arguments & fighting in their home. We all have problems at times but please be aware of how this affects your children.*

**EDUCATION MASS, ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LANCASTER LA1 3BT. THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese. Please complete the online booking form:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lancasterromancatholicdioceseeeducationsservice/2163378> - See poster at the back of church.

**EXCITING JOB VACANCY IN PRESTON: CHAPLAINCY TEAM MEMBER. METANOIA PROJECT** provide full time Chaplaincy

Services to a local Catholic High School and full time provision for Students and Young Adults in the City Centre in connection with the University of Lancashire. We are looking for an enthusiastic and competent person to assist in providing the most engaging, Christ-centred and fruitful ministry possible in both settings. Accommodation available if required. Full details of salary and benefits are listed in the Application Pack on our website <https://metanoiaproject.co.uk/chaplaincy-team-member/>. **Closing Date Friday 22nd May.** Further information from Ruth White 07878 832457 [ruth@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:ruth@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**DAY OF DISCERNMENT for those considering a vocation to the priesthood.**

**Saturday 30 May 12.15pm – 2.30pm**

**THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 30 May 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. To book email Heather: [Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk) or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring a vocation to priesthood.

**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](mailto: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.

**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:** 23<sup>RD</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> July 2026. Please see the poster at the back of church. Fr Sam has application forms in the Presbytery.

**17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving – Favour & Romanus Okeke
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Baptism:</b> Isaac, Isabella, Lenny & Maeve Latham
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May St John I</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Jean Hindle RIP
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May St Dunstan</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Lapsed relatives of the McKeever & Wickwar families
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May St Bernardine of Siena</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Seamus O'Grady RIP
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May St Christopher of Magallanes</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Hector & Florence McDonald RIP
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May St Rita of Cascia</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Continuing prayers for Peace in our World)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Delia Hayes RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May PENTECOST</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	James Mooney RIP (Anniversary)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving – Favour & Romanus Okeke In thanksgiving for the birth of our Great Granddaughter, a sister to Emmanuel – Jim & Claire Southworth

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS**

**THIS SUNDAY - World Communication Day – 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm  
7<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi Procession at St Walburge Church @ 2pm – further details to follow.

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES** Kathleen Jones, Gerald Hodgson, Mary & Bill Nolan, Martin Morgan, Jim Aherne, Maureen Withers & Fr Gerard Dakin – May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. through the Mercy of God. rest in peace.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND** George Woods, Margaret Rafferty, Glenn Johnson & Trish McKeever (Names of sick & housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to a member of 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.