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**19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**200 CLUB DRAW**  
12/4/26 Wk. 2 No. 65 Bill Sutcliffe £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£366.55	177
SS Peter & Paul	£84.33	38

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**TODAY WE WELCOME AMARACHI MIRIAM OJUKWU INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY WHEN SHE IS BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER AMARACHI AND HER 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 coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul church last Sunday raised £35 for Parish funds. Thank you to all who helped and attended this month's get together.  
**EASTER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart church:** The list of prize-winners and the prizes from the raffle are at the back of church.

**Last week's collection for the Society of African Missions (SMA) amounted to £320.70. Thank you for your generosity once again.**

**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**  
The Sunday lunch takes place today at 2pm. We hope all who attend will have an enjoyable meal and social time.

**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.

**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](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com).

THIRD TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS			
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Peter McGunnigal RIP – In thanksgiving for prayers received & answered.
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Teresa O'Keefe RIP
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Baptism:</b> Amarachi Miriam Ojukwu
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>			
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Joe Howard RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>St Anselm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Catherine Jones RIP
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>			
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	November list
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>St George</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Angeline & Keith Pover – Wedding Anniversary,
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Abalbert</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Mark</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: For Peace in our World)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Fr Waterson RIP, Fr Horn RIP and deceased members of the Long and Perry families
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	In loving memory of Freda Nuttall RIP
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Les Perry RIP, Les Perry Jnr RIP & Madge Parker RIP

**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.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
TODAY Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Parish meal for our older members and housebound  
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

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:** Joe Howard, Christine Kirkman, Jean Hindle & 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, 200 club etc

**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.