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21ST DECEMBER 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 21st December</u> FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Rita Wood RIP (Lately Dead)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
<u>Monday 22nd December</u>	Sacred Heart	10.30a.m.	Requiem Mass for Rita Wood
<u>Tuesday 23rd December</u>	SS Peter & Paul	12.30 p.m.	Requiem Mass for Bridget Montgomery
<u>Wednesday 24th December</u> CHRISTMAS EVE	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
	Sacred Heart	5.30 p.m.	Children's Nativity & Carol singing
	Sacred Heart	6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass: Andrew Carmichael RIP, Margaret Gilleran RIP & Hilary Sutcliffe RIP
<u>Thursday 25th December</u> THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
<u>Friday 26th December</u> <i>St Stephen</i>	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Rita Wood RIP
<u>Saturday 27th December</u> <i>St John</i>	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Peace in our hearts, in our home's and in our world.)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Bridget Montgomery RIP (Lately Dead)
<u>Sunday 28th December</u> <i>Holy Family</i>	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Andrew Carmichael RIP, Margaret Gilleran RIP & Hilary Sutcliffe RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Peter Molloy RIP (Anniversary)
<u>Monday 29th December</u> <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Sacred Heart	10.30 a.m.	0 Requiem Mass for Sheila Pullman



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Whiteside, Patrick McGuill, James Montgomery, Peter Molloy and Fr Tom Leigh

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, Peter McGunnigal, 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 – LRCDDR. 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
14/12/25 Wk 37 No 57 P Ferguson £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£230.50	123
SS Peter & Paul	£143.84	41

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is this **Thursday 15th January 2026** in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: Our continued thanks for your generous donations which enable the Cupboard Love Foodbank to continue its crucial work. Before Christmas, a drop of 80 food parcels to Sacred Heart primary school will ensure some comfort at this, one of the most financially challenging times of year, particularly for families with children. We would warmly and urgently encourage any of you who are finding it hard to put sufficient food on your table or purchase necessary toiletries for your home, to go through the doors of the Foodbank and gather some goods to help ease your situation. You will be met with smiles, a warm welcome and support. Please see the poster in the church porch giving dates of the Foodbank opening. The last date before Christmas is Saturday, 20th December.

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The last bingo session in the hall has now taken place. Our grateful thanks to Geraldine for all the work she has done over the last 3 years. These Bingo sessions will be sadly missed.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE at Sacred Heart Church: Our grateful thanks for all your donations for the Christmas Raffle this year. We have drawn the winning tickets and there is a list and the prizes at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – 24TH DECEMBER 2025:

Parents, please stay after THIS week's (Children's Liturgy) Mass to discuss the Nativity on Christmas Eve.

If you wish to discuss anything with Favour or Donna, they will speak to you after Sunday Mass.

WE NEED MORE CHILDREN TO TAKE PART SO PLEASE SPEAK TO FAVOUR OR DONNA.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS, ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH, FOR OUR PARISHIONERS PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME WITH YOU

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15th January – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month.
N.B. THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN EITHER OF OUR CHURCHES ON 28TH DECEMBER

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.

PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE COURSE: There is a course starting on 12th January 2026 at St Clare's Church in Fulwood. This is for couples planning to marry during the next year. Please see the poster and details in the porch. Please be aware this course only runs once a year.