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## 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</u> <u>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Hilary Sutcliffe RIP Victor Ominyi (Birthday blessing) Bridget Montgomery RIP
<u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January</u> <u>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</u>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Reilly family
<u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</u> <u>St Angela Merici</u>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	6.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the O'Keefe family
<u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</u> <u>St Thomas Aquinas</u>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Jim Aherne RIP (Birthday)
<u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</u>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.00 a.m.	Fr Bryan Irving RIP
<u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January</u>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	John Haigh RIP
<u>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January</u> <u>St John Bosco</u>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: For Persecuted Christians.) Olive Ferguson RIP (Birthday) In Thanksgiving – Eleanor
<u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</u> <u>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Bob & Monica Jones RIP
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Slater family

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm  
19<sup>th</sup> March – Day of Recollection at Hyning Monastery

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

TODAY Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Retiring collection for Fr Sam's Missionary of St Paul  
8<sup>th</sup> February – SVP Appeal  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – CAFOD Friday fast day – envelopes available soon

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Martha Taylor, Cath Nickson, Barbara Kay, Phillip McGuill, Terry Ward, Tom Price, Kath Slater & Hilary Sutcliffe

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 – LRCRDR. 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  
18/1/26 Wk 42 No 116 Mary Mooney £100

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£225.93	116
SS Peter & Paul	£169.00	48

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026:** The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is this Thursday 12<sup>TH</sup> February 2026 in Sacred Heart Church at 6pm – 7.15pm. All parents and children must attend each session please.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK:** The contents of the last few batches of Cupboard Love envelopes have amounted to £156.80. This is an amazing and uplifting sum and enables so much good to be done through the Foodbank. Thank you all for your generosity.

### TODAY IS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD. IN OLD CURRENCY BIBLE SUNDAY.

The Word of God, the Scriptures, has the ability to comfort us, to challenge us and to transform us. Yes, they were written a long time ago. But, they are so fresh that they could have been written whilst we have been sat here.

Listen to what our readers are saying. Don't just read along with them. They are speaking on God's behalf. The words they speak are spirit and truth. They are God's words.

Each reader, including Fr. Sam, Rev Jim and myself, is privileged to proclaim these words to you. Pray for us and all who exercise this ministry. Pray that more will be called. Pray for the grace to recognise that God speaks to us personally at every Mass through the sacred scriptures:

The Word of God

### HYNING MONASTERY RETREAT

There is a Hyning Monastery Day of Recollection planned for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.  
The Theme is St Joseph as it is his feast day.

If you would like to attend this day, please give your name to Rev Chris

### 200 CLUB

This is an appeal for everyone to consider either joining our Parish 200 club or taking an extra number. There are now 39 vacant numbers in the draw which equates to £2028 over the year that could be extra income for our Parish. The winning number is drawn every Sunday at the end of 10am Mass but **you have to be in it to win it**. There is an amazing total of £5,520 given out in prizes each year. If you would like to join, please see Janice after Mass or phone her on 07745909869. Seven numbers have been added to the draw this week and we thank all those who have joined.. We wish you good luck.

### 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.

### 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.

**ST WALBURGES CHURCH SPIRE:** St. Walburge's are offering tours of the church and trips up the spire to help raise funds for the restoration project. This time it will be possible to see Preston at night from the spire. The date is Saturday 24th January. 4 - 6.30pm. Tickets are available online. <https://www.tictailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1954268> See poster in the church porch.

**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. If still interested please contact the number shown on the poster in the porch.