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**26th APRIL 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



200 CLUB DRAW
19/4/26 Wk. 3 No. 127. Mary Woodhouse £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£369.63	137
SS Peter & Paul	£95	36

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
As from 1st May 2026 the reporting of the offerings will be done on a Monthly basis for the previous month. The figures will be shown around the 2nd week of the month, once the Bank statement has been reconciled. This will enable the Standing Order & BACS figures, along with the donations on the card machine to be reported, giving you a more accurate idea of monies coming into the Parish account.

THIRD TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS			
Sunday 26th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	In loving memory of Freda Nuttall RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Les Perry RIP, Les Perry Jnr RIP & Madge Parker RIP
Monday 27th April	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	John Flanagan RIP
Tuesday 28th April St Peter Chanel	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Master Chinedu Jide Chukwu – 2nd Birthday on 24th April
Wednesday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Jean Hindle RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 30th April St Pius V	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	In thanksgiving – Yvonne Bolton
Friday 1st May St Joseph the Worker	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	In thanks for 2 years Sobriety
Saturday 2nd May St Athanasius	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: For Peace in our World)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Les Perry Junior RIP
Sunday 3rd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Kathleen & Alan Jones RIP (Anniversary) Jean Hindle RIP (Anniversary) Master Chinedu Jide Chukwu – 2 nd Birthday on 24 th April In Thanksgiving – Favour & Romanus Okeke
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Les Perry Junior RIP

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is on **Thursday 21st 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 3rd May after Sunday Mass – All welcome
EASTER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart church: The list of prize-winners and the prizes from the raffle are at the back of church. Please collect your prize this week, or it will be recycled. Thank you.
BOOK SALE AT SS Peter & Paul's church: £10 has been raised from the sale of books at SS Peter & Paul church.

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:
The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month.
N.B. There will be a May procession on Liturgy Sunday on 10th May in Sacred Heart church. We would be grateful if all parents of the children could please bring them with a small posy of flowers for this procession, to Our Lady's Altar. Many thanks.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Thursday 21st May – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
7th 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, donation to boiler fund, 200 club etc.

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 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: 23rd – 30th July 2026. Please see the poster at the back of church. Fr Sam has application forms in the Presbytery.