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3RD MAY 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



200 CLUB DRAW
26/4/26 Wk. 4 No. 28 A Barnes £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE		
Sacred Heart	£237.41	131
SS Peter & Paul	£101.80	40

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

THOMAS AND AMY DOWNHAM BECAME PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY LAST SUNDAY WHEN THEY WERE BAPTISED IN SACRED HEART CHURCH. THIS SUNDAY WE ALSO WELCOME ALBERT AND KEIRA KEENY TO OUR PARISH FAMILY. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM ALL AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

As from Sunday 10th May 2026, once a month the reporting of the offerings will include a Monthly figure for the previous month. 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 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
	Sacred Heart	1.00 p.m.	Baptism: Albert & Keira Keeny
Monday 4th May The English Martyrs	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Sheila Rowley RIP
Tuesday 5th May	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Seamus O'Grady RIP (Lately Dead)
Wednesday 6th May	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Rev Gerard Dakin RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 7th May	Sacred Heart	9.15 a.m.	Funeral Service for Lilian Anne Mercer
	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Fr Sam's Intentions – Justina Ofia RIP
Friday 8th May	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 9th May	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Continuing prayers for Peace in our World)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Jim Montgomery RIP & deceased members of the family
Sunday 10th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Gerald Hodgson RIP (Anniversary) In Thanksgiving – Favour & Romanus Okeke
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14th May – Parish Council Meeting @ 7.00 pm in the Presbytery
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.

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.

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 THIS SUNDAY after Mass – All welcome

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. Flowers will be provided for the children to process and take to Our Lady's Altar.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

World Communication Day – 17th May

MISSIO BOXES

Please could anyone who has a Missio (Red Box) at home, please bring it to church during May to be emptied and counted. Please hand your box to a member of the clergy, ensuring your name and address are on the label on the base of the box.

The box should then be given back to you within 2 weeks.

If you would like to take a red box home to collect for Missio, there will be some available at the back of church next week.
Many thanks

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.