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PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£237.45	115
SS Peter & Paul	£87.15	45

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross held each week alternately in our Churches.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2026: The next session of this year's First Holy Communion Programme is on **Thursday 12th March 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. Envelopes are available at the back of church for your donations.

COFFEE MORNING & AUCTION at SS Peter & Paul church: The coffee mornings at SS Peter & Paul church last Sunday was a great success. Claire sends a big thank you to all who donated and helped towards the coffee morning and auction. The sum of £218 was raised which was shared between Fr Sam's expenses and SVP. Thank you to all who joined in.

EASTER RAFFLE at Sacred Heart church: We would be very grateful for any donations you can give towards making this raffle a success. There are just 2 weeks now to donate so please give whatever you can to make the raffle a success. There will be a basket at the back of church from next week for your donations. Many thanks for your generosity. Tickets will also be on sale today after Mass.

EASTER TRIDUUM: Services will be held at Sacred Heart Church this year. Times will be advised in the next bulletin. Volunteers are required for the readings, Washing of the Feet and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Please see any member of the clergy.

ONLINE SCHOOL OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE OF LANCASTER 9TH – 13TH MARCH 7PM – 8.30PM PLUS A DAY RETREAT ON SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

A small number of volunteers have organised an Online Week of Retreat and a School of Prayer during Lent, run by the Jesuit Institute. Join all or some of the sessions. To receive the zoom link, and a reminder that it's happening nearer the time, email Ursula, our Diocese Spirituality rep uwalker@uwclub.net. See the poster at the back of church. This has been arranged with the Blessing of Bishop Paul and there is no charge to join this Online experience.

AN APPRECIATION SUNDAY LUNCH FOR ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND PARISONERS

By way of his appreciation, Father Sam invites all the older and housebound members of our Parish to join him for Sunday lunch on 19th April 2026 at 2pm in the Sacred Heart Centre. If you would like to accept his invitation, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. If you know of any housebound members of our Parish who would be able to join him, please give their name and contact details to Janice or a member of the clergy. Transport can be arranged.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT HYNING MONASTERY

This day of recollection is planned for 19th March, and the theme is St Joseph, as this is his Feast Day. If you would like to attend this day, please add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the church. Please also state if you need or can provide transport on the day.
Soup and drinks will be provided at lunch time. Feel free to bring sandwiches and the like. Refreshments will be provided during the day.

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP:

The Children's Liturgy group meet during Mass in each church on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Also Children's Liturgy in Sacred Heart on 15th March – Mothers Day
Sacred Heart Children's Liturgy will be holding a coffee morning after Mass on 22nd March after Mass

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Brian Monks RIP, James & Nancy Hinds RIP (Birthdays)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Marie Windle RIP & Orla Taylor (Sick)
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 9th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Margaret Halliwell RIP
Tuesday 10th March	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Philip Waterworth (Sick)
Wednesday 11th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Sadie & Terry Walmsley RIP
Thursday 12th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Friday 13th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen & William Finn RIP
Saturday 14th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: The Work of CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and MISSIO)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	James Taylor (Anniversary)
Sunday 15th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Members of the McKeever & Wickwar families. Peter McGunnigal (Sick)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Michael Vincent RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

PLEASE NOTE - THIS SUNDAY WE WILL PROCLAIM THE LONGER VERSION OF THE GOSPEL

PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Loving God, Be close to all who live with dementia and those who care for them. When memories fade, hold them fast in Your faithful love. May Your peace dwell where words are few, and Your presence be deeply felt. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12th March – First Holy Communion meeting – Sacred Heart Church 6pm – 7.15pm
19th March – Day of Recollection at Hynning Monastery
7th June – Corpus Christi Procession at St Walburge Church @ 2pm – further details to follow

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Goss and Gordon Kay
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 – 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.

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.