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**9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Nancy Hinds RIP (Birthday) & Margaret Gilleran RIP (Anniversary)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	Jim Southworth – 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	3.00 p.m.	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Sargent family
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	6.30 p.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Jim Southworth 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.00 a.m.	Jim Southworth 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	2.00 p.m.	Funeral Service for Joyce Ollerton
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>LENT FAST DAY</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Thanking God for Kosi Duru 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Peaceful solution to all the conflicts in the world)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.00 a.m.	Emma Bolton RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Thanking God for Kosi Duru 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	Jim Southworth 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	3.00 p.m.	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>

**CENTENARY PRAYER**

God our Father, we thank You for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs. Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the 'pearl of great price' which will bring them eternal life. And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the 'mother of countless children', and given her place in heavenly glory. This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

**Eileen Goss & 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:**

**Sheila Pullman, George Woods and Margaret Rafferty**  
(Names of Sick & Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

**REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY – see details above**

**TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS at Sacred Heart: No coffee morning until further notice**  
**BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall: Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm – ALL WELCOME**  
**PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Hying Hall: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**COFFEE MORNING AT SS Peter & Paul: today 9<sup>TH</sup> March after Mass**

**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.

**PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

**200 CLUB DRAW**  
2/3/25 Wk 48 NO. 143 Chris Barwise £100

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>£335.50</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>£97.00</b>	<b>32</b>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**

**will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month in both churches, during the Sunday Mass**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place alternately in our churches at 3pm each Sunday from this afternoon.

**FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next Thursday Session of the First Holy Communion Programme will be held in Sacred Heart Church THIS Thursday 13<sup>TH</sup> March @ 6pm.

**CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK:** "Pennies make pounds, Pounds buy food, Food feeds our hungry neighbours. Each time your little envelopes are gathered and the contents counted and passed on to the Cupboard Love Treasurer, he is able to bank and spend over £100.00. With deepest thanks and gratitude for your unceasing kindness in helping those amongst us who struggle to put food on their tables."

**PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre:** The next Bingo afternoon will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm ALL WELCOME N.B. Bingo will now continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month.

**COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church:** The coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul's church will be held today 9<sup>th</sup> March after Mass, to celebrate Jim Southworth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. **CONGRATULATIONS JIM**

**TRASH & TREASURE STALL in Sacred Heart Church:** The flower arrangers are decluttering. Find yourself a treasure for a small donation.

**PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION on 18th March 2025 at Hying Monastery:** A Parish Day of Recollection, which is open to all members of the parish, has been booked for Tuesday 18th March 2025 at Hying Monastery, nr Carnforth. It will be led by Sr. Michaela and will have a Lenten theme. There are thirty places available. Refreshments will be available on arrival and before departure. Soup and hot drinks will be provided at lunch time. Bring your own packed lunch if you want. There will be a charge. It is usually £15 per head. Volunteers to take people there and back are needed. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet at the back of church.

**SACRED HEART EASTER RAFFLE:** Our usual Easter raffle will take place again this year. Tickets are on sale after Mass this and every Sunday during Lent. We would be very grateful if you could bring any donations for the raffle and put them in the basket at the back of church. Many thanks

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Missio Appeal  
14<sup>th</sup> March – CAFOD Family Fast Day (Envelopes at the back of church)  
23<sup>rd</sup> March - SVP

**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

**ST CLAIRE'S YOUTH PILGRIMAGE APPEAL:** The young people of St Claire's Parish, Fulwood, are planning a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee. They are fundraising for their travels and are coming to our churches on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March to sell candles to our Parishioners. Please help them on their travels.

**CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK:** You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope.

Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**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.**