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**16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March ST PATRICK</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	6.30 p.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March ST JOSEPH</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mary Blackburn RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	10.00 a.m.	Teresa Southworth RIP
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	9.30 a.m.	Anne Healy RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</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.	Robert Patrick Talbot RIP
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	10.00 a.m.	Eileen Goss (Anniversary) and Jim & Barbara Worrell (Birthday remembrance)
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	11.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	<b>Sacred Heart</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, Margaret Rafferty, Peter McGunnigal & Glenn Johnson**  
(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: This Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm – ALL WELCOME**  
**PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Hying Hall: This Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**COFFEE MORNING AT SS Peter & Paul: tba**

**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.

**PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

**200 CLUB DRAW**  
9/3/25 Wk 49 No.18 P Sutcliffe £20

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>£277.86</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>£74.00</b>	<b>51</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 during Lent

**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 24<sup>th</sup> April @ 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." £200 was passed on to the foodbank this week. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre:** The next Bingo afternoon will be this 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:** Thanks to all who came to Jim's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Thank you so much for all the great cards and kind words, also all the Mass offerings. The raffle made the great sum of £180 which has been shared with the SVP and the food bank. God Bless you all

**TRASH & TREASURE STALL in Sacred Heart Church:** The trash and treasure stall raised £83-67 for the flower fund, many thanks to all who supported it.

**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

**DAFFODILS outside Sacred Heart Church:** Enjoy the daffodils in the church garden Thank you to those who planted them and to all those who donated.

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS**

**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/>

**RWANDA LENTEN ARMSGIVING:** The Rwanda Group Trust, now under the patronage of Bishop Paul Swarbrick of Lancaster, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Fr Placide in Cyanguu Parish writes: "In Rwanda, because the rains have been very late, crops were not grown well. Even though they have planted, they are not doing well. Poverty is so prevalent that children in schools are facing serious problems. The rain has been heavy in some places and houses have destroyed. However, people are helping each other to survive. May the Lord bless you." There are many families, widows, orphans, poor children and sick people in Rwanda who need our help. Please help us to help them. We have no paid employees or overheads. If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact: Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 E mail: [rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com](mailto:rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com) Website: [www.rwandagrouptrust.org](http://www.rwandagrouptrust.org) Bank Account: Rwanda Group Trust Sort Code 09 01 29 Account No.08478395