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**23RD MARCH 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Eileen Goss (Anniversary) and Jim & Barbara Worrell (Birthday remembrance)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	Sacred Heart	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Monday 24th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Elcox, Cross, Sutcliffe & Worrall families
Tuesday 25th March ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Jim & Barbara Worrell (Birthday remembrance)
Wednesday 26th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Price & Southworth families
Thursday 27th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	John Ainslie RIP
Friday 28th March	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Eileen Goss RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 29th March	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (This month's Intention: Peaceful solution to all the conflicts in the world)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	Joan Campbell RIP
Sunday 30th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Henry Bogumil RIP (Anniversary)
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	SS Peter & Paul	3.00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS at Sacred Heart: No coffee morning until further notice
BINGO at Sacred Heart Hall: Thurs 3rd April at 2pm – ALL WELCOME
COFFEE MORNING AT SS Peter & Paul: Sunday 6th April after 11.30am Mass – ALL WELCOME

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
16/3/25 Wk 50 No.9 P Bracewell £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£237.02	133
SS Peter & Paul	£111.20	34

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

will be held on the 2nd & 4th 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 24th April @ 6pm.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOODBANK: Please take a food bank envelope from the back of church, put any amount you can afford into it and put the envelope into the offertory collection. Your support, however small, is so appreciated for those in need in our Parish. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Community Centre: The next Bingo afternoon will be on Thursday 3rd April at 2pm ALL WELCOME
N.B. Bingo will now continue on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each Month.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church: The next coffee morning at SS Peter & Paul's church is on Sunday 6th April after Mass – ALL WELCOME

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES: Please bring in your Red Boxes anytime from now to the end of April for counting. Many thanks. Janice

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The following volunteers are required for the Easter Services and Masses during the Easter Triduum: -

Holy Thursday: 18:30 pm at SS Peter & Paul Church - Mass of the Last Supper

1 Reader & 12 People required for the Washing of feet.

Good Friday: 11am at Sacred Heart Church – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3 Readers

Good Friday: 3pm at SS Peter & Paul Church – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1 Reader

Holy Saturday: 11am at Sacred Heart Church – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3 Readers

Holy Saturday: 8pm at SS Peter & Paul Church - Easter Vigil Mass

4 Readers

The readings for these days will be published prior to the Easter Triduum on a poster in the church porch.
Please advise Fr. Sam, Rev Chris or Rev Jim if wish to volunteer.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

23rd 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

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/>