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Mass times this coming week:

(Vigil) Saturday 5pm and Sundays 9.30am & 11am
Weekday Masses – 9.30am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
No Mass on Tuesday mornings
The church is closed at all other times

Mass Intentions for this coming Week

Saturday: 5.00pm Thomas Kevin Shields R.I.P.
Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am George Devlin R.I.P.
Monday: 9.30am In Thanksgiving (Tara & Darius)
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 9.30am Megigykulty Scagia R.I.P.
Thursday: Ascension Thursday Holyday of Obligation
9.30am People of the Parish
(School attending)
7.00pm Mary Studdart R.I.P.
Friday: 9.30am Joseph p.v. R.I.P.
Saturday: 9.30am First Communion Mass
5.00pm The Holy Souls
Sunday: 9.30am Tom Carter
11.00am People of the Parish

Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently, especially May Hodgetts. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Anniversaries

Eunice Kelly, Edith Farnworth, Harold Sharples, Eva Pollard, Camilla Doyle-Davidson, Sybil Briers, Sadie June Wootton, Gerard Anderton, Genevieve Bouget.

Our Sick

Please continue to remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick and those who are anxious at this time – Norah Ince, Pauline Coleman, Norah Osborn, John Acton-Reid, Fr Harry Holden, Rosemary Saddington, Gerard Curley, Christine Read, Chris Horan, Sarah Bell, Dawn Robinson, Denis Parkinson, Anne Hepes, Rita Ambler, Sadie Everard-Walker, Phil Kay, Michelle Hinds, Violet Fishwick, Jane Hughes, Sheila O'Brien, Eileen Veevers, Michael Young, Catherine Dee, Sheila Harrison.

Confessions

Confessions will now be heard in the Confessional on Saturday 4.30 – 4.55pm. Also, by appointment.

Mobile phones

Recently there has been an increase in mobile phones ringing during Mass. Please either switch off your phone or at least turn it to silent mode during Mass.

Ascension Thursday

Please note that this Thursday is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and it is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am & 7.00pm.

Offertory envelopes

The new set on offertory envelopes are available in the church porch for those who use them for their contributions to the parish.

Thank you

Fr Peter would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who made the celebration for my Golden Jubilee of Ordination such a special occasion. It was a wonderful parish family celebration and I am grateful to all those involved in organising the lunch and to those who ensured that all ran smoothly. I was overwhelmed that so many people came to celebrate this occasion with me.

Thanks, too, to you the parishioners for your wonderful presentation and to those who collected in recent weeks, I am most grateful to you all. Thank you for the many cards and gifts which I received from parishioners. It is an occasion which I will remember for the rest of my life.

Thank you also to the school for their celebration mass and for the wonderful gifts, all of which I shall treasure. As I said last Sunday, it is my pleasure and my privilege to serve as your parish priest.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year's annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 23rd – 30th July. The cost is from £899.00. If anyone is interested in going please speak to Fr Peter who has booking forms.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Celebration is a wonderful occasion for the whole parish family as well as the family of the baby being baptised as we welcome a new member into our community. We would ask that families wishing to arrange a baptism for their child ring Fr. Peter to discuss available dates rather than trying to do so by email or through the parish website. As they say, "book early to avoid disappointment"!

Parish Social Events

5 May – Coffee and craft after 9.30am Mass
17 May – Coffee morning – 10.15am
17 May – Quiz Night – 7.30pm
2 Jun – Coffee and craft after 9.30am Mass
14 Jun – Quiz Night – 7.30pm
21 Jun – Coffee morning – 10.15am

Parish Centre Bookings

Parish centre bookings can now be made online via: <https://hallbookingonline.com/ourladystarofthesea> or to discuss further please telephone Christopher on 07759144537 email olssbookings@hotmail.com

THE TRINITY – A new play from the pen of Fearn & Appleton – 15th and 16th June 2024

On the above dates Our Ladys Operatic and Dramatic Society will be performing The Trinity at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It is a new play in which we hear about the lives of three groups of people, two of which are going to watch the third group perform as a homage to Morecombe & Wise. It is a bitter sweet comedy in the vein of Last of the Summer Wine meets Dinner Ladies.

The tickets are £8 available from Storytellers on the Crescent or from Jeanette on 07742590265. Suitable for 12 and over.

200 Club

The lucky winners of the April draw were:

1st Sarah Cosgrove [27]	£100
2nd Jan Barker [95]	£45
3rd Tony & Pat Murphy [183]	£25

A new year begins at the Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre on Friday 17 May. All are welcome to attend. Those of you who pay annually by cash or cheque, £36 per number, your payments are now due. Contact Leo Appleton (07713 238597) or Robert Thompson (01253 781830).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

It will be September (2nd – 6th) The Bishop is renewing the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady. The Bishop invites you to join him! This will be the first pilgrimage since the Pandemic, and we have so much to pray for, so much to give thanks for. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others it will be your first visit. In the Middle Ages the Shrine was one of the great ancient Marian places of pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom. It is known as England's very own Nazareth and is a place where the incarnation of Jesus is particularly remembered. Therefore, for the modern pilgrim, it is a place for all who would rejoice with Mary at 'the great joy of the Annunciation.' Like Lourdes in France, it is a place of reconciliation, conversion, peace and healing. Dependent on accommodation type the all-inclusive cost is no more than £500 per person. 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 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

A message from the Safeguarding Team

Recently, it has become a requirement for all parish volunteers to undertake some level of safeguarding training. For those who volunteer as servers, music group members, readers, collectors, flower arrangers, greeters, cleaners, assist in the shop etc... - this is in the form of a leaflet to read and is classed as Level 1 training. We, your Safeguarding Representatives Margaret Sellick and Annie Evans, are in the process of meeting with volunteers to compile an up to date Parish record of the names and contact details for all volunteers, and to ensure you receive the training leaflet. This weekend we will be at the back of Church before and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday and after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday. We will also be at the back of Church before and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 18th May and after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 19th May. If you have a role within our parish please come and say hello! Many thanks.

Our Bishop speaks out on the war in Sudan

Bishop Paul Swarbrick, the Bishops' Conference's Lead Bishop for Africa, and Bishop Nick Baines, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Foreign Affairs, have issued a joint statement on the conflict in Sudan, saying the war is "a forgotten conflict with no winners".

The full statement is below:

It is over one year since the start of the Sudanese civil war. The actions of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) continue to have devastating consequences for the people of Sudan. However, today, with attention turned elsewhere, Sudan remains largely overlooked – a forgotten conflict with no winners that is already one of the greatest humanitarian catastrophes of our time.

The war has triggered the world's largest hunger crisis, coupled with the worst ongoing displacement crisis worldwide. The World Food Programme report that there are now 10.5 million people, far more people than the entire population of London, displaced, with over 25 million people in need of humanitarian aid. Nearly 15,000 have already been killed, and 26,000 more have been injured, with women and children bearing the brunt of unspeakable violence.

Pope Francis, in his 2020 Easter Message, reminded us that "this is not the time for forgetfulness", aligning with the Archbishop of Canterbury's plea "to stand with those suffering because of war". It is in this spirit, that we must, however hard it is, not simply shift our attention from one crisis to another. Instead, we should acknowledge, pray, and act in solidarity for all who suffer worldwide. For each crisis is akin to a sick child in our universal family, deserving equal love, care and attention.

Sudan, a place with which we have strong connections and with whose people we are deeply engaged, demands our collective attention and focus. To the UK government and the international community – we plead with you to do what you can to bring about an immediate ceasefire and to ensure unhindered humanitarian access. It is so desperately needed to avert a further catastrophic humanitarian hunger crisis.

*Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Lead Bishop for Africa, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.
The Rt Revd Nick Baines, The Lord Bishop of Leeds, Church of England's Lead Bishop for Foreign Affairs.*

CAFOD Emergency Appeal

Cafod Have launched an emergency appeal for Sudan. They say: "At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory."

There will be a special retiring collection for Sudan after the Masses 18/19th May.

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