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Mass times will be:

(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 Larry O'Hara R.I.P.
Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Sheila Devlin R.I.P.
Monday: 10.00am Mary Studdart (Requiem Mass)
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 9.30am Kathleen Mullan R.I.P.
Thursday: 9.30am Dominic Savio Livns (Health)
Friday: 9.30am Jack & Marie Dugdale
& Joan Hartley
Saturday: 5.00pm Philip McKenna R.I.P.
Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Special Intention (P. Gillingham)

Faithful Departed

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

Anniversaries

Mary Caine, Camilla Maria McKenna, George Gomolla, May Strickland, Freida Collinge, Harry Edwardson, Tom Stafford, Catherine Dring, Maureen Crawford, Bernard Hughes, Jack Loughnan, Mary E Monaghan, Eileen Matthews, Mary Ellen Strickland.

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.

Lent

Each Friday of Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.45am until Mass at 9.30am. Morning Prayer of the Church will be said at 9.15am. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated after Mass on the Fridays of Lent starting on 16th February and the Lenten Course on prayer will be on a Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome! If you wish to pray the Stations of the Cross and Friday morning is not convenient Stations of the Cross and Benediction take place at St Peter's. Lytham on Mondays at 7.00pm and St. Joseph's Ansdell on Tuesdays at 7.00pm.

Mother's Day

Today is Mother's Day and we wish all mothers in our parish family a very happy day.

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.

First Communion Programme

Our parish First Communion Programme has begun and so we ask you to pray for the children and their families as they begin this important stage in their journey of faith.

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"!

Connect More at the Parish Centre

Connect More is an Art Class and Peer Support Group who meet every Wednesday at the parish centre between 10 am and 12 noon. Everyone welcome – Just turn up. For further information ring Mary on 07702516730.

Parish Social Events

Key Parish Family dates for your diary in April are the Easter Celebration on the 6th and 28th April to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Canon Peter's ordination.

15 Mar Coffee morning – 10.15am
31 Mar Coffee, Crafts & Youth Group after 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass
6 Apr Easter Celebration
12 Apr Quiz Night – 7.30pm
19 Apr Coffee morning – 10.15am
28 Apr Event to celebrate Canon Peter 50th Anniversary of Ordination – Further detail to be provided nearer the time

Easter Celebration

Our Easter celebration this year will be held on Saturday 6th April, starting at 5pm. This year we will move on from Easter to Pentecost when the apostles filled with the Holy Spirit preached the gospel far and wide. We will see this in our own parish family and our young people will explain some of the different Easter traditions in different parts of the world. The evening includes a three course meal with wine and the ticket price is £10 for adults and £7 for children. For further information contact Jane on 07714588468.

Diocesan Directories

Copies of the Lancaster Diocesan Directory for 2024 are on sale in the Bookshop priced £6.00.

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 r email olssbookings@hotmail.com

Food Bank

Thank you for your generous donations which were extremely appreciated by the Wesley's Larder at the Methodist Church, please keep donating items shown on the list by the boxes. Wesley's Larder is open to local people to collect food Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 11.30am to 1.30pm while the associated community café is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 1.00pm to feed the community for free. Everyone's welcome and one of the Café's aims is to combat loneliness. More details on the Parish website.

Standing order Mandates in Favour of Our Lady's Church

Standing Order mandate forms can be obtained from the display rack in the Church porch. The Parish Priest or any member of the Finance Committee should also be able to help. If you are also a tax payer please consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration also available at the back of Church to enable us to reclaim the tax on your donations. You will need to specify an amount you wish to donate on the Standing form plus effective start date and your bank account details. Our Lady Star of the Sea bank details: Bank Sort Code 40-27-02 Account No 81335464 In order to register with the Parish your completed mandate should be passed to the Church Office, even via the collection plate at Mass. It will then be sent to your bank.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP wishes to express its grateful thanks to everyone for their continued and most generous support and for the many individual donations received which has enabled help to be provided to those in need. If you would like further information about the work of the SVP please contact Peter Donnelly 01253 721481.

200 Club February winners

The lucky winners of the latest draw were:

1st Jason Brierley [168]	£100
2nd Susan Crook [198]	£45
3rd Pat Ward [5]	£25

The next draw will take place during the Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre on Friday 15 March. All are welcome to attend whether you are members of the 200 Club or not but you have to be in it to win it.

Pope Francis says: "Enough. Stop the war in the Holy Land."

"Every day, in my heart, I carry the pain and suffering of the populations in Palestine and Israel due to the ongoing hostilities," said Pope Francis on Sunday in yet another heartfelt appeal for a ceasefire in Gaza.

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And expressing grief for "the thousands of dead, the wounded, the displaced, the immense destruction that wreaks pain and suffering on the small and defenceless who see their future compromised." Pope Francis called on all men and women of goodwill to raise their cry for peace. Speaking during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square he asked: "Do we really think we are building a better world in this way? Enough, please. Let us all say: Enough, please!" he repeated: "Stop the war."

Immediate ceasefire

The Pope continued with an appeal to continue negotiations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and throughout the region, "so that the hostages may be freed and return to their anxiously awaiting loved ones, and so that the civilian population may have safe access to necessary and urgent humanitarian aid. I encourage the continuation of negotiations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and throughout the region."

And please, he concluded: "Don't forget tormented Ukraine, where many people die every day. It is a place of great sorrow."

War since 7 October

Pope Francis' appeal on the Third Sunday of Lent is just the latest in many he has issued since the beginning of the war between Israel and Hamas on 7 October 2023. There are still 130 Israeli hostages in the hands of Hamas, with over 30 of them feared dead. The death toll of Palestinians killed by Israeli strikes on the Gaza strip has surpassed 30,000 with thousands more missing. At the same time, over 1.3 million people have been displaced and are facing a catastrophic humanitarian situation. Two-thirds of them are women and children.

Fears of famine in northern Gaza

The head of the Norwegian Refugee Council who has just returned from Gaza has said he believes there is now a famine in the north of the territory.

Yan Egerlund told the BBC that he had been prepared for a nightmare, but what he saw was much worse. He said that was because Israel was not opening nearby border crossings to let aid in. He also condemned the United States, Germany and the UK for selling weapons to Israel.

Over the weekend, Jordan and the USA jointly carried out airdrops of aid to Gaza. The U.S. Air Force said three planes carried 66 packs containing about 38,000 meals.

Meanwhile, mediators in the Gaza conflict are meeting in Cairo to try to reach an agreement on a temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

Israel has been waging a war on Gaza after Hamas sprang a deadly surprise attack on Israel in October. Since then, the war has killed 30,320 Palestinians and injured 71,533 in Gaza.

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