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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 Paul & Angela Henshaw
Sunday: 9.30am Maureen Crawford R.I.P.
11.00am People of the Parish
Monday: 9.30am James Sommerville R.I.P.
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 9.30am Maureen Butterworth
Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm Private Intention
Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday: The Easter Vigil
8.00pm Private Intention
Sunday: 9.30am Dominic Pichay R.I.P.
11.00am People of the Parish

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

Canon Edmond Carey, Marie Dugdale, Teresa Fallon, Anne O'Connor, Joseph Doyle, Angela Henshaw, Mary Leahy, Mary Pipe, Elizabeth O'Shea, Michael Cox, Arthur R Ireland, Margaret Gaffney, Charles Dolan, John Dugdale, Kay Haywood.

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.

Holy Week

There is a leaflet this week available at the back of church which gives all the times of our Holy Week Services.

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.

British Summer Time

Please note that next weekend the clocks go forward one hour.

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.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's supper takes place on Thursday at 7.30pm. After Mass there will be the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose where there will be watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is full of symbolism and one of the symbolic actions is the washing of feet which Fr Peter will do as Jesus did at the last supper.

We would like 12 volunteers – men, women or young people to volunteer to have their feet washed during the Mass. There is a list at the back of church for those who would like to volunteer to take part in this symbolic action.

Churches Together on Good Friday

You are all invited to join us at the amphitheatre in the square (near Boots) at 12 O'Clock on Good Friday. We are gathering together as Christians to share readings, prayers and hymns.

Happy Birthday, Tom!

Our parish family join together to wish parishioner Tom Carter a very happy birthday as next weekend Tom celebrates his 100th birthday, Many happy returns Tom!

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.

Charity Bake Sale – Coffee Morning – Easter Sunday

The OLSS youth group will have a charity bake sale on the Easter Sunday coffee morning. All proceeds will go to CAFOD, Do come and support.

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

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.

31 Mar	Coffee, Crafts & Youth Group after 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass
5 Apr	Cinema Club - Their Finest - 1pm Parish Centre
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

Cinema Club

The next film show, on on FRIDAY 5th April AT 1pm will be THEIR FINEST - it tells the story of a British Ministry of Information film team making a morale boosting film about the Dunkirk evacuation during WW1. It is a comedy drama starring Bill Nighy and Richard E, Grant. As ever no admission fee but perhaps a small donation towards refreshments.

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.

200 Club Winners

The following very lucky winners of the March draw were:

1st Carolyn Clapham [134]	£100
2nd Louise Freeman [156]	£45
3rd Joy Brierley [93]	£25

The next draw will take place during the Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre on Friday 19 April. All are welcome.

Red Mission Box Collection

The APR Red Mission boxes are due for collection. The collectors will be contacting box holders. Would all Red Box holders who do not have a designated collector please bring their boxes and leave them in the Sacristy as soon as possible. Please ensure that your name and address is clearly indicated on the box. A sincere thank you to everyone for your continued support and especially to the collectors who give their time so generously.

Alice in Wonderland -

22nd (7.30pm) and 23rd March (2.30pm & 7.30pm)

Performed by The Sound of Musical Theatre Company in the Parish Centre. This musical version of the timeless classic takes you down the rabbit hole with the ever-curious Alice to a land of zany adventures where nothing is as it seems. Join White Rabbit, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar, the mysterious Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and all your favourites from Lewis Carroll's beloved books making this a magical, entertaining musical for everyone. Tickets are £12 and £10 (concession) only available on line @ www.seaty.co.uk/alice-in-wonderland

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.

Church Cleaning Rota

Copies will be available in the Sacristy from the weekend.

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