

# Services This Week

## Sacred Heart

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** today at Sacred Heart at 4.00 p.m. and at St Anne's on Good Friday at 10.00 a.m.

**HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Tuesday at Sacred Heart at 7.30 p.m.

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 Noon

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 Noon

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 Noon

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Mass of the Last Supper  
7.30 p.m.

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Liturgy of the Passion  
3.00 p.m.

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Vigil  
7.30 p.m.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday  
10.30 a.m.

## St Anne's

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday  
12.30 p.m.

# Sacred Heart & St. Anne's Parish Newsletter

Palm Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025



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**TODAY** we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when people strewed palms in his path. This is the introduction to Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's liturgical year.

**HOLY WEEK:** The solemnity of the coming week builds towards the Easter Triduum, the three highly significant days commencing with **Maundy Thursday** when the evening mass commemorates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper – the most important mass in the whole year, giving us an incredible opportunity to unite ourselves ever more closely to the Holy Eucharist, the very essence of our faith. There will be time for private prayer after this mass at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 p.m. On **Good Friday** (3.00 p.m.) we observe the Passion and Death of Jesus on the Cross. Then on **Holy Saturday** evening the Light of Christ's resurrection shines upon us at the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 7.30 p.m.

**MESSAGE FROM Fr Jim:** As Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a humble donkey, crowds cheer and wave palm branches, shouting "*Hosanna!*"—a cry for salvation. Yet, beneath the celebration is the quiet shadow of the cross. From the joy of welcome to the agony of betrayal, the human condition is revealed in the herd mentality of the crowd. The week invites us to journey with Jesus, to pause and reflect on the depths of God's love revealed through Christ's obedience—even unto death. Let us gain something **new** from this Holy Week by being still, listening, and coming to know ourselves through our journey with the Lord, wherever we are, with the human experience of life at this moment and in this time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** No masses are celebrated during the daytime on either Maundy Thursday or Holy Saturday.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bridie Harrington (2024), Margaret Wilcock (2024) Mary Derry, Mary Nuttall, Catherine Bennett, Raymund Holden, Agnes Parry, Beryl Mary Teasdale, Susan Wright, Catherine Conway, Mary Teresa Neild, Jacob Mark Hesmondhalgh, Betty Monaghan, Andrew Regan, George Thomas Smith, Mary Kenny, Francis Turner, Patrick McManus. May they rest in peace. Particularly poignant are the first anniversaries of two stalwarts of the parish, remembering Bridie Harrington today (13<sup>th</sup> April) and Margaret Wilcock on Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>). Lord, grant them eternal rest in your kingdom of light, happiness and peace and bless their families at this time.

**GIFT-AID ENVELOPES:** The supply for the new financial year which began last Sunday are now available for collection from the table at the back of the church. The contributions of all members of the gift-aid scheme are greatly appreciated – remember, every donation via the scheme of £4 becomes worth £5. New members would be of great benefit to the parish. Please contact Margaret Popham (choir-member) at Sunday mass on by phone on 813692.

**CAFOD:** Catholic Church leaders have asked for prayers and donations to support the stricken people of Myanmar following the devastating earthquake. There were problems enough in that area before the quake but now many thousands are in need of food, water and shelter. Your donations will enable the Church to provide the necessary help to those in dire need. The local archbishop in Myanmar has said: 'We are deeply touched by the promise of support from the Catholic Church everywhere.' He also confirmed that the best way to deliver help was through the Church's personnel and religious groups.

**PARISH COLLECTION:** Offertory £774.25 (Sacred Heart £696.60; St Anne's £77.65). Parish Pound (SH) £135.00. The Sacred Heart total includes a gift-aid cheque for £364.00.

**PARISH LUNCH:** Thursday's very tasty menu of sausage casserole with mashed potatoes and garden peas followed by apple or blackcurrant pie with lashings of custard went down a treat with a full complement of diners. Our thanks as always to our devoted catering team for delivering such an enjoyable meal. The next lunch will be in five weeks' time on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**BOOK CLUB:** The next meeting of the newly-formed book club will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. The book currently being read for discussion and sharing at this meeting is 'The Craftsman' by Sharon Bolton. New members will be warmly welcomed.

### **FORTHCOMING OUTINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS :**

**RUFFORD OLD HALL** trip will be on Sunday afternoon, 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please note the change of date from the one published last week. We will depart from Sacred Heart at 1.15 and after visiting the hall and gardens we will call at the very attractive Rufford Arms Restaurant for a 5 p.m. meal. The list for names is on the notice-board.

**PARISH ROOM 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** will be on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30 p.m. There will be a substantial buffet followed by cabaret featuring vocalist Rachel Mercer who will present a wide repertoire of songs from the shows, an ABBA tribute segment, other pop numbers and one or two light classical items. An evening not to be missed! The list for names is now on the notice-board - or you can simply phone 580443 to book your place(s).

**SETTLE-CARLISLE** railway excursion will now be on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, departing at 9.00 to catch the 10.20 train. Apart from the enjoyment of the enchanting scenery en route, this will allow about 4 hours in Carlisle before the return train at 4.15 and an early-evening meal at The Spread Eagle, Sawley.

**FOODBANK:** While there is no single reason for someone to need a foodbank, receiving food-support can make a big difference. Remember there are different ways to donate food : in person at the foodbank or at any of the food collection-points in supermarkets or, of course, here in the church. You could even place an online shopping order with your supermarket and have it delivered direct to Blackburn Foodbank. In addition to foodstuffs, toothpaste, shower-gel and shampoo are still needed – and maybe your contribution might stretch to a few chocolate treats for Easter.