



# THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WORSHIPPING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.

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**Saturday 24th**  
**Sunday 25th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass**  
**9.30am. Sunday Mass**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Tuesday 27th  
Wednesday 28th

10.00am Mass. St Augustine of Canterbury Bp  
10.00am Mass

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

Thursday 29th

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
Holyday of Obligation. (start of the Novena to Pentecost)  
10.00am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

Friday 30th  
Saturday 31st

10.00am Mass  
11.00am - 11.30am. Confessions during Exposition  
**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday 31st**  
**Sunday 1st June**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass**  
**9.30am. Sunday Mass**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

From Thursday 29th May, **the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**, until Sunday 8th June, **the Feast of Pentecost** is nine days. During this time we remember the Apostles and Our Blessed Lady spending time in prayer while waiting for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came with power. Amazing things happened. And the Church that we know as the Catholic Church was born. Nine days is traditionally known as a NOVENA and is a way that we can spend a period of time praying for a certain intention.



There are lots of general intentions: Peace, Spiritual renewal in the Church, Blessings on the new pope, Pope Leo XIV etc. You will certainly have your own intentions also. Why not make a special effort for these nine special days to make a Novena of prayer for your intentions and make it with the conviction that this prayer made in Faith to the Holy Spirit will be powerful in achieving **God's Will**, whatever that might be.

## Gift Aid donations to the parish

Sincere thanks for your generous donations to the parish via the envelope system, the card machine, standing orders, and cash in the baskets.

If you are a taxpayer, please consider completing a gift aid declaration so that the parish can claim an additional 25% on your donations. It's easy to do this if you use the card machine. You will be asked to enter your house number and postcode details just once, then a gift aid claim can be made on all of your subsequent donations.

If you wish to set up a standing order, please note that standing order mandate forms (including a gift aid declaration section) are available in the church porch or can be downloaded from the parish website (see the "Donate" section). Thank you.

Please note that the new boxes of weekly envelopes are now available for collection at the weekend masses for those who have requested this.

## YOUTH MINISTRY JOB OPPORTUNITY // CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## Volunteering opportunities in church. Don't skip this bit! It could be for you.

There are two opportunities for people to make a real contribution to regular tasks. Perhaps you might like to share the job with a friend or work together.

1. **Children's room** - organising the resources in this room for the weekend masses as necessary and keeping it clean and tidy.

2. **Votive candles** - replenishing candles, water and removing wax as necessary.

To know more, or if you are interested, please see Carol in the sacristy after Mass.

## Sacred Heart Parish Community Support Group - you can help

Have you noticed an empty place at church? Is there someone who can't get to Mass now, but who hasn't let us know? Often people don't want any fuss. "I'll soon be better and back." But it doesn't always happen.

Or do you know someone who is housebound, a single parent, struggling financially, living alone and lonely?

If you know anyone who would appreciate a home visit, Holy Communion at home, a bag of food now and again, or regularly, please let us know. We only know what people tell us!! Please phone or email the parish office, Fr Peter or Jo Sweeney (01282 854437).

## Pilgrimage Walk at St Alban's, Blackburn.

A fantastic pilgrimage event has been announced by one of our Jubilee churches, St Alban's in Blackburn. Taking place on Saturday 31st May, this hour-long pilgrimage walk begins at 2pm and will take in the remarkable history of the parish and end with a short Benediction at the Altar. Our time of prayer will be followed by refreshments and the opportunity to explore more of this impressive church.

Please call or email to register your name if you wish to attend - 01254

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