A BRIEF TIMELINE OF SACRED HEART CHURCH, THORNTON-LE-FYLDE

1898: Work begins on Sacred Heart Church (designed by Pugin & Pugin). Building cost: about £6000.

17th April 1898: Foundation stone laid by the then Bishop of Liverpool, Rt Rev Thomas Whiteside.

1898-1904: Fr Daniel Joseph O'Donoghue 1st Parish Priest.

5th Sep 1898 onwards: Mass said in newly opened Sacred Heart School prior to Church opening.

9th March 1899: Sacred Heart Church opened for Public Mass.

1904-1947: Canon Joseph Bamber 2nd Parish Priest.

1919: Rose window erected in memory of the Fallen in World War I.

1947-1970: Canon Patrick Joseph Guerin 3rd Parish Priest; Fr Thomas Dakin Assistant Priest 1968.

1970-2002: Canon Thomas Dakin 4th Parish Priest.

14th January 1973: Consecration of Sacred Heart Church.

1988: Sacred Heart Church one of the founding churches of Local Ecumenical Covenant (now *Churches Together in Thornton*).

4th July 1997: Ordination of Rev Anthony Edwards as Permanent Deacon at Sacred Heart Church.

17th April 1998: 100th Anniversary of Church Foundation.

2002-2007: Fr David Branford 5th Parish Priest.

12th April 2006: Sacred Heart Church receives Grade II listed status.

2007-2014: Fr Peter Clarke 6th Parish Priest.

2014 – to date: Fr Peter Burns 7th Parish Priest.

18th Feb 2019: Death of Canon Thomas Dakin after 50 years service at Sacred Heart and St Nicholas Owen parishes.

14th May 2022: Catholic Women's League, Thornton Section celebrates 50th Anniversary.

4th July 2022: Rev Anthony Edwards celebrates 25 years as a Deacon.

14th January 2023: 50th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Consecration.

17th April 2023: 125th Anniversary of Church Foundation.

A Mass to celebrate

The 125th Anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of

Sacred Heart Church Thornton-Le-Fylde

Principle Celebrant: The Right Reverend Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster

Monday, 17th April 2023
7pm

(Sacred Heart Statue, Side Altar of Sacred Heart Church, Thornton. Photo by Fr Peter Burns 2023)

Entrance hymn: *The Church's one foundation* – no. 688

Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Penitential Act

Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading from the book of the Apocalypse *3:14. 20-22*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 32:1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-21*

Response: ***The Lord fills the earth with his love.***

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians *3:14-19*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for revealing the mystery of the kingdom to children.
Alleluia!

Gospel from Matthew *11:25-30*

Homily

The Prayer of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Battle is o'er – no. 68

Preparation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite ***(those who do not usually receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church are invited to approach the altar rails for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest.)***

Communion hymn: Soul of my Saviour – no.663

Prayer after Communion

The Concluding Rites

Recessional hymn: O Sacred Heart – no. 553

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