

## Dale House Open Gardens

Dale House Gardens, Church Lane, Goosnargh, PR3 2BE will be opening their gardens to the public on:  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **All Welcome**

## Service of Reconciliation

There will be a Service of Reconciliation at Lancaster Cathedral on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm

## Easter Services

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Services will be held at Claughton, St Thomas the Apostle Church

**Holy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6.30pm, followed by watching at the altar of repose till 9.00pm

**Good Friday** Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3.00pm –  
Collection for *The Holy Places*

**The Easter Vigil** – Saturday, 7.00pm

**Easter Sunday Mass** – 10.30am – St Francis' School Hall

## Attendance and Collection

16<sup>th</sup> March Attendance 60. Collection £195.00

23<sup>rd</sup> March Attendance 60. Collection £133.00

## Parishioners Who are Unwell

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter.

## Feast Days

Mon – St John Baptist de la Salle



## **St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter**

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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
Readings – Year C  
Mass 10.30am**

## **Parish Mission Statement**

*Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith.*

*We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.*

**Mass intention is for the People of the Parish**

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass

## **The Re-dedication of St Francis, Hill Chapel**

All being well, Our Church will be re-opening on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for 10.30 a.m. Mass. We have invited Bishop Paul Swarbrick to re-dedicate Hill Chapel so we are ready to worship God in our beautiful church again following all the work that has taken place there.

To celebrate the occasion, we would like as many of our parishioners as possible to attend the Mass. There will be refreshments after Mass. Any donations of cakes would be very gratefully received.

## **Papal Curiosities**

### **What is the coolest spot in the Vatican?**

It is the roof of St Peter's where you find a souvenir shop, a post office, a storehouse for construction materials and apartments for staff workers responsible for ongoing repairs and for the upkeep of the basilica. It is atop the roof, as long as you stay in the shade, there is always a guaranteed fresh cooling breeze. This is why young men studying for the priesthood go there as their favourite hideaway to pore over their books.

### **What type of Industry exists in the Vatican?**

The making of the mosaics is the Vatican's only industry ( not counting the issue of postage stamps). The Mosaic School perfected the delicate technique of stone matching and it's supply of coloured stones, kept in a long corridor lined with nearly 30,000 boxes is the largest anywhere on earth. Some of the stones, coloured by a formula no longer in existence, are over 200 years old. There is a showroom next to the workshop where some of the stones can be purchased and shipped to any corner of the globe.

### **How long does it take to walk around the Vatican?**

To walk around the zigzagging walls that surround the State of the Vatican City takes exactly 60 minutes.

### **What is the relics library?**

One of the most unusual rooms in the Apostolic palace is the relics library – a high ceiled chamber that is lined from floor to ceiling with steel filing cabinets, shelves and drawers. With its librarian ladder standing like a sentinel, the room looks like the inside of a lawyer's library. Under an electric lamp in one corner of the world's most macabre libraries, sits a priest who has a most unusual job – a job that very few people have ever heard of. His work consists largely of sending tiny boxes and envelopes, containing the relics of early saints and martyrs, to all corners of the globe. Canon law requires that a relic be enclosed in every altar of every Catholic Church or Chapel. Because churches and chapels are inaugurated every month somewhere in the world, the priest librarian is kept busy filling envelopes with pinches of dust or fragments of bone which are then mailed in registered letters.

### **What role did the Vatican Information Office play at the end of world war II?**

Using its independent status during World War II and its freedom of communication with other countries on both sides, the Vatican handled more than 10 million requests for information about missing persons. With a staff of nearly 900 persons, the Vatican Information Office (organized in September 1939), working over a seven-year period, was able to answer the majority of inquiries regarding the whereabouts of missing families or family members, soldiers, and civilians. The information about missing persons was gathered up by papal nuncios and apostolic delegates and their staffs in every country involved in the war. Having done an efficient job under difficult circumstances, the Vatican Information Office was finally closed down. Though at the time an unheralded success, it has never been given its rightful due. Perhaps the Vatican will one day open up its tucked away archives of this venture, a noble triumph that few people know about.

