

Dale House Open Gardens

Dale House Gardens, Church Lane, Goosnargh, PR3 2BE will be opening their gardens to the public **today** - Sunday 13th April - from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **All Welcome**

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

16th March Attendance 60. Collection £195.00

23rd 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.



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 13th April, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
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

We remember: Barrie Cooke, Thomas Gornall, Vincent Joseph Wells and Annie Heslington, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 27th 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.

Newsletter Roof Restoration Project Number 14

Although the restoration work on the church is almost complete, due to additional decorative work and the time needed to remove scaffolding and clear the site, we have had to delay the handover of the building until Tuesday 22nd April. This means that we will have just five days to replace the furniture and statues currently stored in the presbytery and to dust and polish the pews, tables, etc. Whilst the main contractor will do a thorough internal industrial clean, our loyal band of church cleaners will need as much help as possible during those five days to prepare the church for the rededication service the following Sunday. Please do consider offering to assist with this work; I will inform you nearer the time of when the work will take place; thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mike Bryan

From the Archives

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important and holiest week in the Christian calendar, ending with the glorious resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.

On the first Palm Sunday, in about the year 33 A.D., the holy city of Jerusalem, and the roads leading into it, would have been crowded with pilgrims who had come for the annual Passover celebration. Jesus' journey into Jerusalem was by no means uneventful. He had spent many months travelling through the towns and villages of Palestine, teaching those he met and healing the sick wherever he went. The journey to Jerusalem from the Sea of Galilee would have taken him down the Jordan valley to the village oasis of Jericho where, amongst the crowds he met Zacchaeus, a wealthy Jewish public official who collected taxes on behalf on the Roman government. Famously, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore fig tree to call out to Jesus and invite him to stay at his house over-night.

As Jesus continued his journey into to Jerusalem, he told two of His disciples to go into a nearby village and bring a donkey that would be waiting there. He then rode on the donkey for the final stretch into Jerusalem. Crowds of people spread their coats on the ground in front of Him. Some waved branches of palm trees, a sign of victory. The people shouted, Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel! Only a king would be greeted this way and the people wanted Jesus to be their king. Mingling with the crowd were groups of pharisees who resented the attention Jesus was being given. However, most of the people did not understand what kind of king Jesus would be. They expected their Messiah to be a great political and military leader who would free them from the tyranny of the Roman Empire. But God's Kingdom is not of this world, it is a spiritual kingdom that is now growing in the hearts of people who put their faith and trust in God.

Jesus eventually entered the crowded city through the eastern gate and made his way to the Temple Courts where, much to the annoyance of the Pharisees, he expelled a group of money changers and merchants accusing them of turning the Temple into "a den of thieves". Jesus then immediately left the city and went to the Mount of Olives where he would eventually weep over the city, 'I wish even today that you will find the way of peace. However, now it is too late, and peace is hidden from you.' (Luke 19:41-44) Sadly, Jerusalem today is still very much a divided city and the State of Isreal is at war with many of its neighbours.

Please Pray for Peace in the Holy Land.

Mike Bryan

