

Attendance and Collection 2nd Feb Attendance 76 Collection £168.00

9th Feb Attendance 78 Collection £178.00

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 Sat – THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Cycle of Prayer – Racial Justice -especially on the Day for Racial Justice , 16th February

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this Jubilee Year our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 20-24 October 2025. I invite you to join me! A Jubilee Year is a moment of grace in the life of the Church. The practice finds its roots in the Old Testament covenant made between God and his people, Israel. It was a time of redemption, a moment when land and property were returned to their original owners and slaves were set free (Leviticus 25). In Luke's Gospel it is no small thing that Jesus' first public proclamation, which took place in the Synagogue in Nazareth, recalls the prophetic words of Isaiah with the promise of a "year of favour from the Lord" (Is 61:1-2).

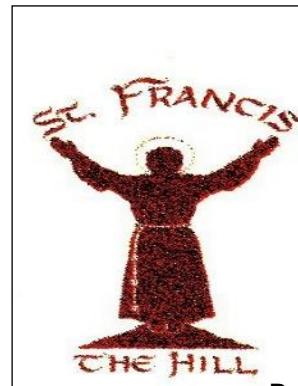
This year of favour, this Jubilee Year, will find the Church proclaiming the Gospel afresh, proclaiming liberty from the darkness of sin and healing, both physical and spiritual, for those who are oppressed (Lk 4:18-19). Our pilgrimage to Walsingham is therefore an excellent way to mark this time of grace, both as a diocese and individually.

Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. In the Middle Ages, the Shrine was one of the great ancient Marian places of pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom. It is known as England's very own Nazareth and is a place where the incarnation of Jesus is particularly remembered. Therefore, for the modern pilgrim, it is a place for all who would rejoice with Mary at 'the great joy of the Annunciation.' Like Lourdes in France, it is a place of reconciliation, conversion, peace and healing.

The all-inclusive cost is £475.00-£550.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop-off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. Fr Billing is the Rector and is a wonderful host for us, coming as we do from his home Diocese. He is keen to open the treasure of Walsingham to pilgrims who have never been before as well as those of us who are regular pilgrims. It is also an opportunity to support him in his national role.

For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk

The places will be limited, so please book in good time. +Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick Bishop of Lancaster



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 16th February 2025
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Racial Justice day
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 Members of the Clarkson Family

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.

New Missal Request

There is now a new Lectionary in use for all masses. The Lectionary (Missal) contains the scripture readings for Mass and is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. We will need a missal for the altar for the three liturgical years . We will also need new mass books. It is a costly purchase which will come to a total of £2000. We are asking if anyone would be willing to sponsor the New Missal fund. We will be giving envelopes after mass today with a form inside giving further details if you are able to help. It is a big expenditure for our parish when we are committed to raise funds for the Church Roof Appeal. Any donation would be very gratefully received and thank you so much for your ongoing support.

School News

As you read this we will have just broken up for half term after a very busy five weeks in school.

In the light of Pope Francis' request, that the Catholic Community celebrate a Year of Jubilee, 2025 has been designated by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis on Pilgrims of Hope.

In our Catholic School, we are invited to celebrate the Jubilee Year with 'deep faith, lively hope and active charity.' The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Hope: the hope that comes from knowing we are loved by God, the hope we can bring to those in most need, and the hope we can bring to our common home, the earth. We aim to embark on a shared journey and mark this Holy Year as a significant and memorable moment in the lives of our pupils. We are currently planning our Lenten events to link in with being Pilgrims of Hope in our world today and will keep you updated.

Our MP Maya Ellis came into school last week for assembly to give awards and talk to the school council about how we can improve our local area and how we can make it safe and accessible for all, especially in bad weather.

Our Pre-school have been looking at the joys of God's Creation and have assembled lots of bird feeders in the outside environment and finding out which birds like to visit the most.

In the last week of this half term we held Children's Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of 'My Voice Matters'. We have had visitors into school to talk to the children about the importance of keeping safe in a variety of ways. One of our parents is a Police Officer and came into school to talk about 'Stranger Danger'. Amy Davis, who is an advanced paramedic led first aid workshops in all classes . Our pupils found out more about : Road Safety, Keeping Healthy, NSPCC and Home Safety and Safety Online. It has been a very action packed week.

All classrooms are very active and colourful reflecting what pupils have studied this term: Pendle Class have created their own 'Once Upon a Time' stories on their Super Writing Wall. In Art they have produced some beautiful Robin illustrations. . Parlick's 'Topic Working Wall' demonstrates how much pupils have learnt about the Planets in our Solar System. The display also shows pupils knowledge of Our Planet – Earth with details of the different continents and oceans in our world Fairsnape have created their own Still life Artwork using pastels, crayons and paints based on Rembrandts Art of Food works. Their latest adventure stories are also on display, inspired by the book – Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. Beacon Class are reading the book – Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. They are asking the question – 'If you had a severe heart condition and could not do any sport or play out with your friends, would you have a risky heart operation that has never been done before to give you the chance of a new life?' . .In Art they have used pencil to draw their own heroes. You can see: Martin Luther King, Greta Thunberg, Archimedes, Rosa Parks and other heroes too in their gallery.

We look forward to seeing you all after half-term. Ms Sarah Deakin Headteacher

First Communion Programme

We are starting our First Communion and Sacrament of Reconciliation programme in March. If you would like your child to receive these sacraments and they are not at St Francis' primary – please see Mary Doran for further details. First Communion will take place on Sunday June 8th at the 10.30am Mass.