

Attendance and Collection

13th April - Attendance 73 Collection £206.80

Easter Sunday - Attendance 80 Collection £260.50

27th April - Attendance 53 Collection £167.80

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. Dunstan

Tues – St. Bernardine of Siena

Cycle of Prayer

For Survivors of Sexual Abuse – Tuesday of 5th week of Easter - 20th May

May Procession at Hill Chapel

Thursday 22 May 9.15am

End of year Mass at Hill Chapel

Monday 14th July 9:15am.



St Francis Hill Chapel

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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 18TH May 2025

**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 Katherine Cook whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass

With Grateful Thanks

As we celebrate Mass here in the school hall for the last time, we say a very big thank-you to all who have made this possible especially: our sacristans Joan and Angela, our setter uppers and tidying uppers – Maria, Bernadette, Mary, John and Liz Woods –(who came very early every week to help), We say Thank you to School for their support and to all of you for helping with chair removal after every mass. This Sunday will be the last time!

It has been very special that we have still been able to celebrate Mass here every Sunday whilst church has been closed. Thank you so much to all who all who played a part.

The Re-dedication of St Francis, Hill Chapel

Our Church will be re-opening on Sunday May 25th for 10.30 a.m. Mass. Bishop Paul Swarbrick will be saying mass and rededicating 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 15

Hopefully, this will be the final report regarding the roof restoration project. With just one week to go before the re dedication mass , the vast majority of work has now been

completed. Once the furniture has been put back into the church, the new lighting can be set and the sound system tested. The official hand over of the building is due to take place on Friday 26th May .This marks the end of the contract which has involved many specialist trades and conservation specialists, all of whom have expertise of working on historical churches. Unfortunately, all the work to strengthen the roof and replace the failed trusses and rafters is hidden above the new ceiling. We will try to display photographs of the work to give you some idea of how extensive the restoration has been.

Fr Sony is very grateful to the army of volunteers who are currently giving up their time to clean the church and return the furniture and statues back in place in readiness for the re dedication mass which will be celebrated on Sunday 25th May at 10.30. Bishop Swarbrick will be the main celebrant and will be joined by several priests who have covered in recent years when Fr Sony has been away. Representatives of the Diocese Property Office, Goosnargh Parish Council, The Albert Gubay Foundation, The National Churches Trust, the Knights of St Columba, our Conservation Architect, Dominic Roberts and Luke Watson and his team of builders have all been invited. The school band will be in attendance and, if the weather is fine, will provide music outside the church when refreshments are served after mass.

The mass and rededication will mark a major milestone in the long history of our parish and should be a most joyous occasion. Please spread the word that all will be welcome and, if you know anyone who has mobility issues and struggles to get to church, please inform any member of the PPC so that transport can be arranged.

