

Lancaster Diocesan Directory 2025

If you would like to buy one they are £6 and available at the back of the hall.
Please see Mary or Bernadette .

Attendance and Collection

22nd Dec Attendance 88 Collection £296.00

25th Dec Attendance 160 Collection £369.15

29th Dec Attendance 52 Collection £170.00

12th Jan Attendance 76 Collection £215.00

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. Fabian

Tues – St. Agnes

Wed – St. Vincent

Fri – St. Francis de sales

Sat – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Cycle of Prayer

Peace on earth especially on Peace Day, 2nd Sunday Ord Time-
19th Jan



**St Francis Hill Chapel
Parish Newsletter**

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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

**Sunday 19th January 2025
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Day of Prayer for Peace
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 John Cowell RIP

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Joseph Dewhurst, Jack Ashton & Mary Theresa Griffiths

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass.

Garden Graves

In the interest of keeping the graves looking tidy - we would like to remind you like last year that all Christmas wreaths and decorations are to be removed by Saturday 8th February 2025. To assist the mowers we would like to also remind people that plant pots and flowers are to be contained on the grave stone plinth, all as to the grave stone regulations.

Thank you for your co-operation, it's very much appreciated.

The Gardeners

Major Roof Repairs - Update Number 10, 19th January 2025

I am pleased to inform you that our roof restoration project is progressing well and slightly ahead of schedule. Next week will be Week Sixteen of the Twenty-Five-week programme. During the course of the week a container housing all the new roof slates will arrive on site. It will be positioned at the end of Bob Barron Way leaving enough room on the car park should a funeral take place during the next few weeks. Site meetings with the contractor and conservation architect are held every month and to date no significant issues have been recorded.

Good progress has been made to raise the roof trusses and following a visit from our structural engineer, additional steel bracing brackets have been attached to the roof structure. This should ensure the roof is completely stable and robust for many years to come. The old asbestos ceiling and the corniche which surrounded it have been removed and matching designs for a modern replacement are being created. Work to fit the new ceiling will begin next week. Once the ceiling and walkways above it are installed, work will begin to rewire the building and fit our new eco-friendly energy saving light fixtures. All this work will

be carried out in parallel with the installation of the new roof slates, a task which is estimated to take five weeks. Once all the structural work has been completed, work will begin to redecorate the interior of the church and to clean and return the sanctuary and nave to their former glory. Although all the interior of the church has been covered with thick plastic sheets, the altar, pews, fixtures, and floor coverings will need to be thoroughly cleaned prior to the reopening of Hill Chapel.

The contractor costs for the work amount to approximately, £264,000. This does not include the pre-contract planning and design costs nor the conservation architect's contract fees. All costs are excluding VAT which must be paid before we can claim it back under the government Historic Places of Worship Scheme, which is due to end on the 31st of March. With this in mind, the contractors have agreed to provide prompt invoices which we can then pay in time to qualify for a VAT reclaim. We still need to continue fund raising in order to ensure that we have adequate funds in our account once all the building costs have been paid.

All being well the church will be ready for rededication, by Bishop Paul, hopefully during the first two weeks of April. The church should then be fully operational again in time for Easter. The final date and plans for the rededication mass and ceremony will be published nearer the time.

Mike Bryan 13th January 2025