

Attendance and Collection

24th Aug Attendance 56 Collection - £195.10 - including baptism

31st Aug Attendance 82 Collection - £235.50

7th Sept Attendance 133 Collection - £315.00 – including baptism

Gift Aid Information

Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify Kate Whittle or Val Gardiner if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2024/25 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you have notified your parish.

LongridgeCatenians

Earlier this month, we welcomed Longridge Circle of Catenians to our parish, if you a Catholic Male and would like to know about the Catenian society, please contact Joe Carroll – 07368 832295

People 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

Tues – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Wed – OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Sat – St. Vincent de Paul

Cycle Of Prayer

The Spread of the Gospel especially on Home Mission Day 21st Sept .

CAFOD's WORLD PRAYER MAP: United in Prayer for our sisters and brothers

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/world-prayer-map>

Our sisters and brothers in so many countries face immense difficulties due to conflict, violence, injustice and natural disasters. You can use the prayer map to pray for our world, in solidarity with our global family

Dates for your Diary

Sun Oct 6th – Family Mass – welcoming Our new Reception pupils

The Valley Singers` concert – Friday October 24th

St Francis Hill Chapel

The Hill, Horns Lane, Goosnargh
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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 21st September 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Home Mission 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 the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember Monica Melling whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Coffee and tea will be served at the back of church after mass.

Please note: Important

Changes to Mass times on the weekend of 18/19th October 2025 in both Claughton and Hill Chapel Churches

Saturday 18th October: 6.30pm Mass cancelled at Claughton and Sunday 19th October 10.30 am Mass at Hill Chapel cancelled

There is only one mass for both parishes on 19th October at 10 am at Claughton

Combined Mass at St Thomas's, Claughton, for both our Parishes, St Francis, Hill Chapel, and St Thomas's, to welcome Archbishop Maury Buendía, the Papal Nuncio to Great Britain, who will preside at the Mass and deliver the Homily. Fr Sony and Fr Andrew Coy, the Nuncio's Private Secretary will be concelebrating.

The Apostolic Nuncio represents the Holy Father to the Church in the UK. The role is equivalent to that of an ambassador representing the Holy See. The current Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia was named by Pope Francis in April 2023.

The Apostolic Nuncio is the Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain and is coming to Lancaster as part of the celebration of the centenary of our Diocese in October. It is a great privilege for us to have the Pope's representative visit our Church. Having heard about its beauty and history he was keen to come and see it for himself. We very much look forward to welcoming him along with our fellow parishioners from Hill chapel to Claughton.

We are also delighted to have the school children joining us for a special musical contribution to the Mass.

Following Mass, we would like to offer our hospitality to Archbishop Maury and ask him to join us for coffee and a slice of one the cakes for which our Parishes are famous!

From the Archives

I write this article on Tuesday, 16th September, the day of the funeral and requiem mass of the Duchess of Kent. Her funeral is being held at

Westminster Catholic cathedral and Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be the main celebrant. The Duchess died at the age of 92 on the 4th of September. Her widower, the Duke of Kent is the cousin of the late Queen Elizabeth II and grandson of George V. He is now the oldest member of the royal family at 89 years of age. Her funeral, as with all funerals, is primarily a family occasion but when the royal family are involved, the service takes on a much wider significance; this is especially the case with the funeral of the Duchess of Kent. The King, the Prince and Princess of Wales, alongside most members of the royal family will attend the service. Unfortunately, the Queen will not be able to attend due to illness.

Catherine Kent, as she preferred to be known, converted to Catholicism in 1994. She was the first member of the royal family to do so since King Charles II's deathbed conversion in 1685. Catherine Pepinster, writing in The Tablet said, "The funeral will be of great historical significance. There were signs of rapprochement between the monarchy and the Catholic Church under Elizabeth II -she met many Popes but was careful not to attend mass in this country. The King and the heir to the throne attending mass in Britain is of an entirely different order. **This is a huge step forward in ecumenical relations**".

The monarchy's complex relationship with Catholicism began with Pope Clement VII's refusal of Henry VIII's request for a divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Ann Boleyn. In 1534, Henry formalised England's split from Rome with the Act of Supremacy. During the reigns of Henry's children, Edward VI and Elizabeth I, protestant zeal grew and Elizabeth became the first Governor of the Church of England. Since then, monarchs have been expected to be lead members of the Church of England and to reject the Roman Catholic Church. The Duchess of Kent was the first royal in modern times to leave the Church of England and become a Catholic. After consulting the Queen, she was received into the church in January 1994 by Cardinal Basil Hume. The Act of Settlement of 1701 barred royals who became or married Catholics from the line of succession but the Duke of Kent was unaffected by his wife's decision because she was a protestant at the time of their marriage in 1961. The Church of England's Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a joint statement that said the Duchess of Kent's conversion to Catholicism was, 'the decision of a devout Christian on a spiritual journey'.

The Duchess of Kent 1933 to 2025 R.I.P.

Mike Bryan

