

Attendance and Collection

16th Nov Attendance 84 Collection £276.00

23rd Nov Attendance 79 Collection £207.00

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

Mon – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tues – St John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Wed –Our Lady of Loreto

Thurs - St. Damasus I

Fri – Our lady of Guadalupe

Sat – St. Lucy

Christmas Masses:

Wed 24th Dec – Vigil Mass: Carols 4.00pm, Mass – 4.30pm

Thurs 25th Dec - Daytime Mass – 10.30am

Brock Valley Churches Together Carol Singing All welcome ,come and join in with our friends from St Mary's and Trinity Methodist. : Thursday 11th December, 7.00pm at The Grapes, Goosnargh. Carol sheets provided

School Celebrations in Church

10th December - KS1 Nativity @ 2pm & 5pm

12th December - Christmas Concert – Choir, Band & Glee Club @ 2pm

15th December – Pre school Singing @ 2pm

16th December - KS2 Carol Service @ 5pm



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**Sunday 7th December 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Readings – Year A 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.

Today's Mass is for Tom D'Arcy

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember Thomas D'Arcy & Margaret Penchion whose anniversaries occur around this time .

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

Sunday 14th December – Family Mass – followed by Christmas Fair in school.(After mass)

At the Christmas Fair - we will be running a tombola stall and a cake stall. Any items for either stall would be gratefully appreciated. There is a box at the back of church for any tombola items. Many thanks

Request for Ribble Valley Foodbank.

As the weather gets colder and more people really do struggle to make ends meet - we will be resuming our collection for items for the foodbank. Any donations would be very welcome. We will have a box at the back of church throughout December and January to collect any food items. Thank you so much for your support.

The Valley Singers

'Rejoice and Be Merry' concert @ Christ Church on Sunday 14th December @ 7pm . Collection for 'All We Can' disaster relief. Refreshments available.

Papal Curiosities

Why is red the colour of the Cardinals?

The princes of the Roman Catholic Church are the cardinals, and they are immediately distinguished by the brilliant red of their waist sashes, skull caps, and stockings; they also often wear red cassocks and on special occasions red silken cloaks and a voluminous red train, which is draped over the arms as an ancient Roman would his toga. Red became the cardinal color over 500 years ago, when a Venetian-born pope, Paul II, who loved magnificence and pomp, first put his cardinals into red, a deep red, halfway between scarlet and crimson. At the time, Paul II was himself wearing red all the time. When Pius V was elected pope in 1566, he started a pontifical practice of wearing white as the usual garb. The cardinals have worn red since 1465, and the colour has become symbolic of a willingness to shed blood for one's faith.

What is the story behind the Vatican Museum's portrait of Saint Jerome?

One of the most unusual works of art in the Pinacoteca of the Vatican Museum is a rare tempera on a wood of Saint Jerome by Leonardo da Vinci. Unfinished, this masterpiece was lost – and then found in two pieces by a Cardinal. One piece (the head of Saint Jerome) was being used as a stooltop in a shoemaker's shop, and the other half (the torso) was serving as a lid for a chest in an antique store in Rome.

How did the gift of a pearl to the Vatican lead to three public executions?

In 1438 as a rich Venetian lay dying, he promised that if he recovered, he would make a gift of a pearl to the Vatican from his own private collection. The powerful man did indeed recover, and he did indeed send the promised pearl to Rome -where, to the shock of everyone, it was discovered to have been stolen from a reliquary that was believed to contain the skulls of both Saint Peter and saint Paul. Intense detective work brought on the arrest of the thieves who, it turned out, had also stolen twelve pearls, three diamonds, two rubies, and a sapphire.

Taken to the Church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli, the thieves were kept on exhibit in iron cages, then dragged through the streets by horses to the Lateran, where their right hands were chopped off-following which they were burned to death. The person who had received these stolen properties and eventually sold them was placed atop a donkey and taken to the Lateran, where he was tortured with branding irons and then hanged.