

## Christmas Masses:

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Vigil Mass: Carols 4.00pm, Mass – 4.30pm  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Daytime Mass – 10.30am

## Attendance and Collection

30th Nov Attendance 80 Collection £292.55  
7th Dec Attendance 79 Collection £246.90  
14th Dec Attendance 157 Collection £279.60

**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.

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

There will be NO mass at 9.30am .



## **St Francis Hill Chapel**

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**Sunday 21st December 2025**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Pray for Expectant Mothers**

**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 deceased members of the Williams & Marshall Families**

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

We remember Veronica Emily Dewhurst whose anniversary occurs around this time .

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

## Thank You from Longridge Community Foodbank

Longridge Community Foodbank (formerly Ribble Valley Foodbank) collected our foodbank donations this week and were so grateful for your generosity. Our donations weighed in at over 39kg. The team at the foodbank have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks.

We are continuing to collect for the foodbank throughout the winter season. If you have any items for the foodbank – please add to the box at the back of church.

## Last Weeks Christmas Fair

Our annual Parish and School Christmas Fair was a great success. Thank you so much to all who helped in any way: All who ran the stalls, all who baked and brought in items for the tombola, all who made items for the stalls and especially all who came to the fair. It really was a team effort and thank you again for your generosity and support. We will let you know how much we raised at the fair.

## December School News...

What a busy few weeks we have had in school!

The children in Key Stage 1 put on a fabulous nativity production of 'A Big Little Nativity'

Our Nursery and Reception children sang carols around the tree, spreading Christmas cheer in church, topped off with a visit from an elf! They have also been busy learning to sign 'Merry Christmas Everyone' to raise money for 'Speech and Language UK'.

Our Key Stage 2 children reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas in the advent service, singing and reading beautifully.

We had our annual Christmas music concert too, where our band, choir and Glee Club performed a variety of Christmas songs - what an amazing array of talent!

In classes, children have embarked on their advent journey through learning about the nativity story in Nursery and Key Stage 1, Christingle and The Mass in Years 3 and 4, and year 5 and 6 have been learning about the Joyful Mysteries. Travelling Nativity bags have been making their way round families to share at home.

In Key Stage One, the children have been looking in depth at the Nativity story – sequencing the events and looking at the importance of that story in celebrating the importance of Christmas.

Beacon Class have completed an art unit on mixed media self-portraits; Fairsnape have been learning about rocks, fossils and earthquakes.

We are taking a group of children carol singing at Belmont Care Home this afternoon and looking forward to our Christmas Dinner at lunchtime!

The whole school went to see the pantomime - Peter Pan at Lowther Pavilion in Lytham and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Bark Smart have also been into school and done a workshop with each class teaching about the importance of dog safety.

Everyone at St Francis' wishes our parish family a very happy and healthy Christmas.

J Rossall