

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

Wed – St. Francis Xavier, Migrants Day
Sat – St. Nicholas

Cycle of Prayer - Migrants & Refugees especially on Migrants' Day - 3rd December

Christmas Meal

This years Parish Christmas Meal will be held at The Cross Keys at Whitechapel on Sunday, 7th December at 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. The cost is £25 for two courses, £29 for three courses. Please can menu choices and full amount be paid to Maria or Bernadette by Sun, 30th November.

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.

Christmas Masses:

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



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

**Sunday 30th November 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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.

Today's Mass 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 welcome into our church family **Archibald and Sienna Snow** who will be baptised during mass today. May God's light shine upon them.

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

Christmas Craft Evening

We are holding a **Christmas Craft Evening** in the presbytery **on Tuesday, 2nd December – 6.30pm in the presbytery**. We will be making a selection of Christmas cards, a Nativity scene and something to hang on the Christmas tree too. Refreshments will be provided. We are asking for a small donation (£2). There is a sign up sheet at the back of church

Brock Valley Churches Together Carol Singing All welcome at both events, please come and join in with our friends from St Mary's and Trinity Methodist. : Saturday 6th Dec, 11.00am - 12.00 noon, at Goosnargh Farmers Market, Whittingham Social Club. Singing outside so wrap up warm. Thursday 11th December, 7.00pm at The Grapes, Goosnargh. Carol sheets provided for both events

Stay Awake Be ready!

.We may be reaching the end of the calendar year, but Advent marks the very beginning of the Church's year. I personally feel Advent is such a special part of our lives as we enter this season looking ahead. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas – a time of excitement and joy. We also wait in hope and expectation for the day when he will come again. As todays gospel makes clear, we do not know when that might be, and life will largely carry on as normal. People will go about their daily lives, eating and drinking, working and celebrating, because none of us know when the moment will come.

But as Christians this isn't just a time of passive waiting; we must stay awake and be found ready, whenever the time arrives. We are asked in the first and second readings of today to walk in the light of the Lord. This means changing our behaviour, working for peace, putting aside anger and ill feelings and anything that causes negativity.

It is time for us to focus on being really good neighbours to one another and to build a better world, which reflects the vision of God's

kingdom as we joyfully await its coming. It is not always easy to 'stay awake' to the realities of life as we all know. There are often many hurdles we have to jump over, many challenges to face but always looking for evident signs of hope in our world today.

We are called to be found ready when Christ comes again, what does this mean for how we live our lives? How will you try to be a good neighbour to others this Advent?

Our Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Christ, our Redeemer, we wait in hope for your coming.
May we be found ready at all times, alert to the needs of others and eager to answer your call.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Help us to see your light reflected throughout creation,
Shining in all our brothers and sisters,
Wonderfully made in your own special image.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Fill us with the warmth of your love,
Guide us in the way of peace,
So that together we may strive for a future free from war and strife..
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Lead us to work together to share the warmth of your mercy,
And build a better world lit by your compassion for all.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.