

Fr Sony will be away from the Parish from today until Feb 4th.
Next Sundays Mass will be covered by Fr Dampson from the SMA.
There will be **NO Tuesday Mass** on **27th Jan** and **3rd Feb** whilst Father is away.

Attendance and Collection

21st Dec Attendance 74 Collection £299.30
25th Dec Attendance 179 Collection £505.00
28th Dec Attendance 51 Collection £176.02

People who are Unwell If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229

Feast Days

Mon – Saints Timothy and Titus
Tues – St Angela Merici
Thurs – St Vincent
Sat – St Francis De Sales

Cycle of Prayer

Sunday of the word of God - 25th January..

Winckley Square Old School Reunion

Sat Feb 14th from 1.30pm. Our Lady and St. Edwards Church Hall, Marlborough Drive Fulwood.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 'For Prayer with the Word of God'

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope for our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 25th January
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God.
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 members of our parish.

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

We remember Mary Theresa Griffiths, Basil Knight, Daniel Parker,
Mark Laurence Bolton and Thomas Bolton whose
anniversaries occurs around this time.

Baptism – We welcome Harry James Gornall.who is to be baptised here today during mass. With special thoughts and prayers to Harry, his parents and his godparents too.

There will be NO mass on Tuesday morning – Jan 27th

Tea & Coffee will be served at the back of church after Sunday mass

Our Church Website

Please note our website address is StFrancis.Goosnargh@lrtd.org.uk

Many thanks to Joseph Jacobs for all his work in creating the new website.

Longridge Foodbank Appeal

So many people in our local area are really struggling to make ends meet. If you are able any items for the foodbank, it really would make a difference.,

From the Archives

On Sunday the 1st of February, Fr Sony will be away from the parish and **the 10.30 mass that day will be celebrated by Reverend Anthony Dampson, a member of the Society of African Missions, or SMA as it is known.** The SMA is not a religious institution but a Society of Apostolic Life. Its headquarters are in Rome but the SMA operates in seventeen countries and has members, known as SMA Fathers, from twenty-four different nations.

The SMA was founded in 1856 and is dedicated to spreading the gospel and serving communities in Africa and among people of African descent. The British SMA Province had its beginnings in Manchester in 1953 where today it has a mission promotions centre. A further two mission promotions centres are located in Northwood near Watford and Dunblane in Scotland. The Provincial Superior resides in Manchester. The Society of African Missions is known as the SMA Fathers but people often ask, why SMA and not SAM? The initials refer to the name in Latin, '*Societas Missonum ad Afros*', which translates to Society of African Missions.

The Society's mission encompasses various broad headings but its main aim is to proclaim the gospel and provide humanitarian support to the poor and marginalised in underdeveloped and underserved areas of Africa. SMA members engage in the promotion of social development, education, health care and the improvement of general living conditions for the African people. They work to address issues of justice, peace and environmental sustainability in relation to street children, refugees, and war displaced individuals. They strive to

engage in interreligious dialogue, promoting understanding and cooperation among different faiths, including African traditional religions and Islam.

The SMA encourages individuals to support their mission through financial donations, prayer and participation in various events. They also offer opportunities for laypeople to engage in missionary work alongside their priests and brothers.

Next weeks Sunday collection will be specifically for the society of African Missions.. Please give generously to support the valuable work the SMA community undertakes.

Mike Bryan

To be a missionary with all my heart

To neglect nothing that will advance the work of God.

To seize every opportunity of spreading the word of God

To use every available means to train a native clergy.

(SMA Fathers)

Sacramental Programme

if your child does not attend our school and would like to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist, our sacramental programme is starting in February. Please say Mary Doran for further details. (mfdoran@btinternet.com)

Caring for the Graves

In the interest of keeping the graveyard looking tidy and at its best . We would like to remind you that like last year, all Christmas wreaths and decorations to be removed by Saturday 7th February 2026. Any remaining will be removed and disposed of by the gardeners . Besides tidying the graves, we would like also to remind people that pots and flowers are to be contained within the stone plinth(all as the grave stone regulations).This will greatly assist in mowing around and between the graves . Thank you for your cooperation . It's very much appreciated .

